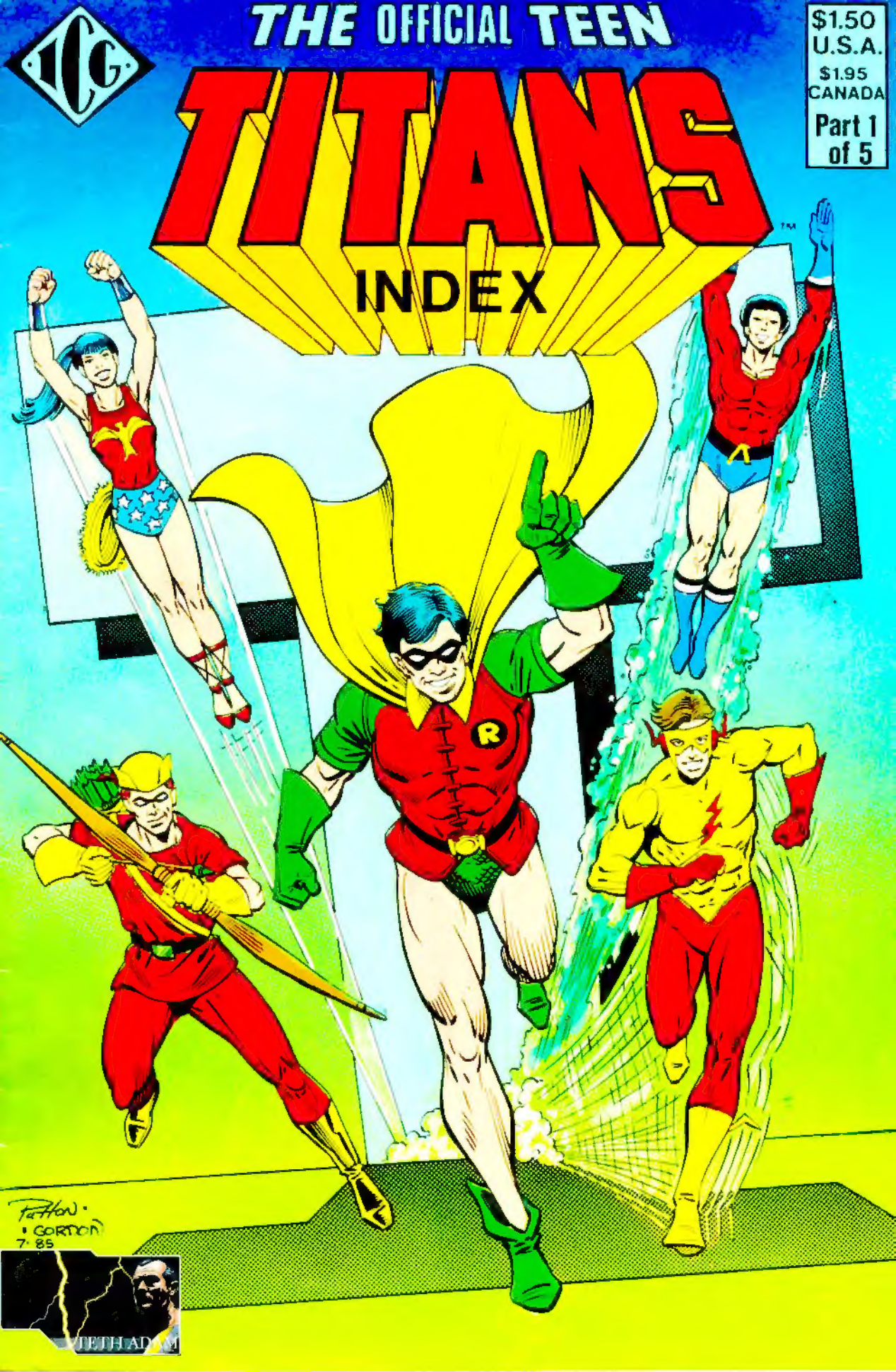
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In the 28th issue of *The Brave and the Bold*, dated February–March 1960, DC Comics (then called National Comics Publications, and later National Periodical Publications) launched the "Justice League of America" feature which, in imitation of their own successful 1940s series, the Justice Society of America, brought their most popular costumed super-hero characters together as a team. Simultaneously, DC spurred the creation of an organized comics fandom with their letters pages in the JLA tryout issues. Almost immediately, readers began to write in suggesting the formation of a JLA "second team," or Junior Justice League, which would be composed of the "kid sidekicks" and proteges of the various members of the adult League. (A Junior Justice Society of America had existed in the 1940s, but this had merely been a JSA fan club which readers were invited to join.)

This concept finally came to fruition in the 54th issue of *The Brave and the Bold*, dated June–July 1964, under the joint editorship of Murray Boltinoff and George Kashdan rather than that of *Justice League of America* editor Julius Schwartz. In this issue, Robin, Kid Flash, and Aqualad, the junior partners of the Batman, the Flash, and Aquaman respectively, teamed up for the first time, but the grouping was not given a formal name. A year later, in *The Brave and the Bold* #60, June–July 1965, the trio returned, with Wonder Woman's theretofore-unsuspected young counterpart Wonder Girl as a fourth member, and under the sole aegis of Kashdan, whereupon they were given the name "the Teen Titans," which was thought to be a less unwieldy and confusing title than "the Junior Justice League of America." Curiously, the group's third and final tryout appearance, some five months later, came in an issue of *Showcase* (#59, November–December 1965), DC's other trial-balloon title, rather than *The Brave and the Bold*.

At this point, the young heroes were finally awarded their own comic, and *Teen Titans* began with issue #1 dated January–February 1966. A fifth member, Speedy, the aide of Green Arrow, would make a pair of guest-appearances with the team before becoming a permanent member of the cast in #19, replacing Aqualad, who had requested a leave-of-absence from full-time duty. As with the Justice League, the Teen Titans would not have their origin as a group divulged until a later issue in the series (#53), in which it was revealed that both Wonder Girl and Speedy had been present at the first meeting of the future team (excepting *The Brave and the Bold* #54), when they banded together to halt the rampage of their adult mentors turned evil by an alien being. Also like the JLA, the Titans held their meetings in a cavern headquarters, known as Titan Lair, whose exact location has never been mentioned in the series. Their primary vehicle was a helicopter, which was launched from its hiding-place behind a cliff-side billboard.

After an initial period during which they devoted themselves mainly to tackling cases involving teenage concerns, the Teen Titans entered the 1970s by beginning a second phase in which they became involved first with relevant social issues, and later with supernatural menaces, under the direction of an adult supervisor, wealthy philanthropist Loren Jupiter. During this period, they added several new members to their roster, including the Hawk and the Dove, the precognitive Lilith, and Mal, their first black member. Never matching the popularity of their counterparts in *Justice League of America*, the Teen Titans' title remained a bimonthly comic throughout its run, and was finally cancelled with issue #43, January–February 1973, exactly eight years after its debut and three years after the beginning of its "second phase."

Almost four years later, *Teen Titans* was revived with issue #44, November 1976, although less than two years had passed in the lives of the members during the hiatus. Published seven times a year and edited for the most part by Julius Schwartz during their second run, the Titans established a new base of operations under the guise of a restaurant/discotheque called "Gabriel's Horn" in Farmingdale, Long Island. The membership roster became rather confused during this period, with new members including the Harlequin (formerly the Joker's Daughter) and the Bumblebee, Mal assuming not one but two costumed personae as the Guardian and Hornblower, and several former and new members forming a short-lived California-based arm of the team called "Titans West." As they had following their original cancellation, the Titans again decided to go their separate ways and disband the group when the book was dropped from the DC lineup a second time with issue #53, dated February 1978, the same issue in which the team's origin was finally unveiled.

Only a little over two years passed, however, before the Teen Titans were revived once more. This time, new DC editor Len Wein and writer Marv Wolfman, one of whose first joint super-hero scripts had been an issue of *Teen Titans*, teamed with artist George Perez to reorganize the youthful champions as the New Teen Titans. Original members Robin, Kid Flash, and Wonder Girl, together with the Changeling (formerly Beast Boy, of both the Doom Patrol and "Titans West"), found themselves in an unexpected alliance with three new members, Raven, Cyborg, and Starfire. Immediately following a special preview insert in *DC Comics Presents* #26, they were given their own monthly title, *The New Teen Titans*, beginning over again with issue #1, dated November 1980. Eventually, the reborn group was established in yet another new headquarters, the T-shaped Titans Tower building, located on an island near New York City, and the membership roster continued to change with time.

The New Teen Titans has emerged as one of DC's most popular new titles in years, and has continued to the present on a monthly schedule.

Although the series, albeit with interruptions, has run since the mid-1960s, the members of the team are still entitled to the designation "Teen" Titans since the oldest member has apparently not yet passed his twentieth birthday. Obviously, time does not pass in the universe in which DC Comics stories take place as it does in our own, and thus the entire history of the Titans may be compacted into a span far less than that over which their adventures have appeared in print. For example, Robin (Dick Grayson) must be about 13 when the original team is formed, and yet is still under 20 today, although his exploits with the Titans have appeared in comics dated from 1965 to the present. This theory is borne out by the differences between the length of time between cancellations and revivals of the feature and the length of time that has passed in the lives of the members while the team was temporarily non-existent. A similar discontinuity exists between the actual and apparent time-lapses from the death of the Doom Patrol till the return of Changeling (Beast Boy) to active role in the Teen Titans. All of this makes sense when one considers that in each issue the reader is witness to, at most, a few hours or days in the lives of the characters, while a month or more has passed in the reader's own life between issues. Thus, by ignoring topical references to real-world current events and fashions in the stories them-

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selves, the entire Teen Titans canon to date may be said to take place over a span of less than seven years on the parallel world of Earth-1.

The Membership of the Teen Titans
Part 1 — The Original Members

1. **NIGHTWING (III)** (Richard "Dick" Grayson; formerly **ROBIN**): Charter Member

First appearance: *The Brave and the Bold* #54 (as Robin — this is the earliest story which definitely involves the Robin of Earth-1 and is not duplicated by events on Earth-2 — see Synopsis below; this story immediately precedes the definitive first appearances of the Earth-1 Robin in *Batman* (#164) and *Detective Comics* (#327)); *Tales of the Teen Titans* #44 (as Nightwing III)

Origin: *Detective Comics* #38 (actually the Earth-2 Robin, but their origins are almost identical)

Base of Operations: Gotham City

Membership: continuous since *The Brave and the Bold* #54

Synopsis: When his trapeze-artist parents, known as the Flying Graysons, were murdered by protection racketeers, young Dick Grayson was taken in and trained by the Batman, eventually becoming the Caped Crusader's partner, Robin, to avenge their deaths. In his civilian identity, he became the legal ward of Bruce Wayne, the Batman's secret identity. As Robin, his skills in acrobatics, martial arts, and criminology were soon second only to those of his mentor. As Dick Grayson, he was a high-school student at the time of the origin of the Teen Titans, leaving the team for a time to begin his college career after the events of *Teen Titans* #25. As the oldest and most experienced member of both the original and current Titans teams, Robin became the group's permanent leader and battle tactician, despite being the only member of either the first or present team (except Speedy) who possesses no super-powers.

Despite his ongoing partnership with the Batman (interrupted only during his time at Hudson University in New Carthage) and his frequent team-ups with Superman and Jimmy Olsen (as seen in *World's Finest Comics*) and with Batgirl (as seen in *Batman Family*), all three incarnations of the Teen Titans have remained an important influence on Robin's crimefighting career. Largely due to the constant camaraderie of his costumed teammates, his personality has developed and matured without the driven streak that dominates the Batman. He and his fellow Titans have long since exchanged knowledge of each other's secret identities. Thus, Robin has long had peers with whom he could discuss his double life without fear of compromising his dual role, unlike the Batman, who for years had only Superman in whom to confide. At the same time, however, his role as group leader has prompted Robin to hold himself aloof from possible off-duty personal involvements with his fellow members. Unlike Kid Flash or Speedy, he has avoided romantic flirtation with any of

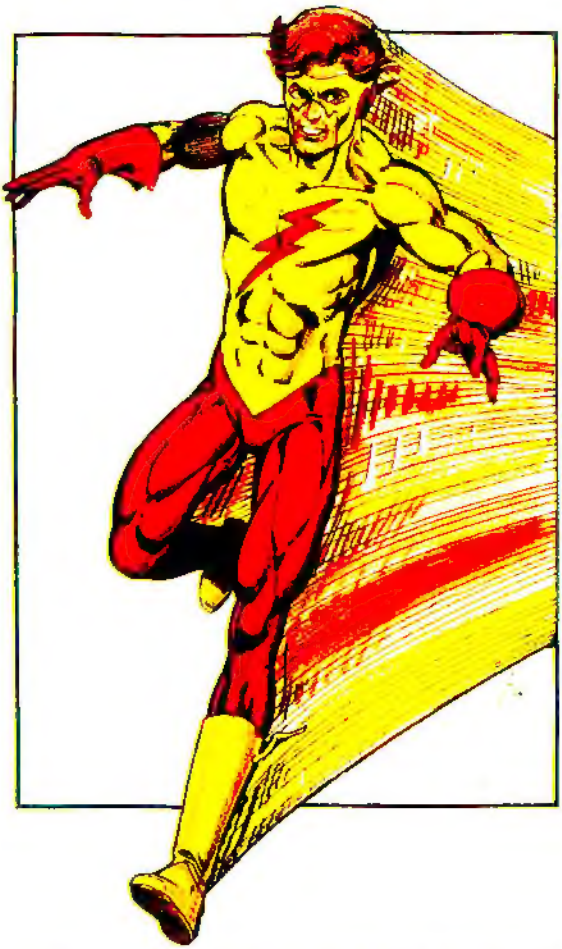
the distaff Titans, although several of them have obviously found him attractive. At present, he has finally become romantically linked with Starfire only after long denial of his feelings for her.

Robin also has a counterpart on the parallel planet of Earth-2, who shares his origin and much of his background, although there has never been a Teen Titans team on Earth-2 for him to lead. The Earth-2 Robin, thanks to the twenty-odd-year time-gap between events on the two worlds, is now an adult hero, a lawyer and the United States ambassador to South Africa in his civilian role, and a member of the Justice Society. Currently wearing the second of two alternate uniforms adopted to replace his original costume (which was identical to the Earth-1 Robin's), he shares with the Huntress, secretly Helena Wayne—the daughter of the Batman and Catwoman, and his former law partner, the responsibility of carrying on the crimefighting tradition of Earth-2's deceased Caped Crusader.

Still more recently, Dick Grayson has decided to end his formal partnership with the Batman in order to devote himself to the leadership of the Titans full-time, even as Bruce Wayne has adopted another youngster, Jason Todd, who has become the Batman's new assistant. Today, Jason Todd has taken up the name and costume of Robin, while Dick Grayson has adopted a new super-hero identity as Nightwing. The current Nightwing is actually the third hero of that name. Superman and Jimmy Olsen used the names Nightwing and Flamebird, respectively, when they briefly became a team of costumed crimefighters patterned on the Batman and Robin, while visiting the surviving Kryptonian city of Kandor. Later, two native Kandorians, Van-Zee and Ak-Var, assumed the Nightwing and Flamebird identities for a time.

2. **KID FLASH** (Wallace "Wally" West); Charter Member
First appearance: *Flash* #110
Origin: *Flash* #110
Base of operations: Blue Valley
Membership: *The Brave and the Bold* #54 to *The New Teen Titans* #39 inclusive

Synopsis: The young nephew of Iris West, the late wife of Barry Allen, secretly the Flash, Wally West was also president of his small town's local Flash Fan Club, and journeyed to nearby Central City where his aunt arranged a meeting with the boy's idol. Incredibly, circumstances duplicated the accident involving lightning and certain chemicals which had given the Flash his super-speed, and endowed Wally with identical powers of hyper-velocity. Given a cut-down duplicate of his own uniform by the Flash, Wally became the Scarlet Speedster's protege, Kid Flash. His solo adventures appeared as occasional second stories in *The Flash*, and he often teamed up with his adult mentor in longer tales, eventually being trusted with the secret of Flash's true identity (which, at the time, only Green Lantern shared) and adopting a costume of his own, which does not resemble Flash's. As Kid Flash, he possessed the power to move at super-human speed, even exceeding the velocity of light, along with super-endurance, a bodily aura which protects him from the adverse effects of friction-heat, and the ability to vibrate the molecules of his form through solid objects. As Wally West, he was a high-school student at the time of the origin of the Teen Titans, living with his parents in the town of Blue Valley. Together with Robin and Wonder Girl, he was one of the only consistent members of the team in all its incarnations, and his adventures with the group far outnumbered his solo cases and his joint exploits with the Flash.



Neither as serious as Robin nor as flamboyant as Speedy in personality, Kid Flash's few attempts to establish a relationship with one of the female Titans never amounted to anything: he merely speculated to himself on a possible attraction to Lilith at one point, and after the team's first reorganization, he only half-heartedly attempted to date Wonder Girl, who was at that point still attracted to Speedy. Since the formation of the current team, he has become involved first with Raven and then with Frances Kane, a girl from his hometown who possesses unwanted magnetic powers, with results yet to be seen. After the second disbanding of the Teen Titans, Wally's ex-teammates attended his high-school graduation, at which time he confided to the Flash that he intended to give up his super-hero career after completing college. At this same time he finally revealed his costumed identity to his parents. Contrary to his plans, however, he found himself drafted as a member of the New Teen Titans, with whom he remained for a time, despite misgivings about his heroic role, mainly due to his relationship with Raven.

At the same time that Dick Grayson gave up the name and costume of Robin, Wally West finally retired his Kid Flash identity. Although he has remained a friend and ally of his former teammates, Wally felt he could not continue in his costumed persona for various reasons: the responsibilities of being a super-hero were interfering with his college studies, he was uncomfortable with his feelings for Raven, and his super-speed powers had begun to de-

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crease and to cause him pain whenever he used them. This last problem was eventually diagnosed by the Flash as a deleterious effect of the accident which gave him his powers on Wally's changing adolescent metabolism.

Unlike Robin and Speedy, Kid Flash has no counterpart on the parallel planet of Earth-2, whose Flash, Jay Garrick, has no younger protege.

3. **AQUALAD** (Garth); Charter Member

First appearance: *Adventure Comics* #269

Origin: *Adventure Comics* #269; *Adventure Comics* #454–455 (details revealed)

Base of operations: Poseidonis, Atlantis

Membership: *The Brave and the Bold* #54 to *Teen Titans* #19 inclusive; *Teen Titans* #28 through #40 (occasional appearances only); *Teen Titans* #45 to 53 inclusive

Synopsis: An orphaned child, Garth was exiled from his underwater civilization of Atlantis because of his unique purple-irised eyes and his acute ichthyophobia (the fear of fish). Befriended by Aquaman, the youth was cured of his fear and became Aqualad, the Sea King's junior partner in crimefighting. Aqualad possessed abilities which, while not increased by a hybrid metabolism as are Aquaman's, were greater than those of the average Atlantean. Like Aquaman, he could telepathically control and converse with all manner of sea creatures, as well as being able to breathe underwater like all Atlanteans and to swim at fantastic speeds with super-human endurance. Also like his mentor, his sole weakness lay in his inability to remain on land without contact with water for longer than one hour without asphyxiating. After several years of roaming the ocean depths with Aquaman (while attending school at a coastal facility by special arrangement), Aqualad returned to Atlantis as a permanent resident when Aquaman married Mera, the queen of an extra-dimensional water-world, and became the new king of Atlantis. This occurred after the first meeting of Aqualad, Kid Flash, and Robin, but before the formal organization of the Teen Titans as a team.

Aqualad's romantic interest is an Atlantean girl named Tula, who also came to be known as Aquagirl. Aquagirl has been named an honorary Teen Titan, although her adventures with the original team remain among the many unpublished tales in the Titans' history.

Aqualad eventually took an extended leave of absence from the Titans in order to aid Aquaman in a lengthy quest for Mera, who had been abducted by parties unknown, and to care for the royal couple's infant son in their absence. Instead, however, he became involved in a separate solo adventure (as seen in *Aquaman*), which saw him reunited with his adult counterpart only after the quest for Mera had been completed. In his absence, the Teen Titans had undergone radical changes, becoming the non-costumed, pacifist participants in the special training program run by Mr. Jupiter (see *Teen Titans* #25 onward), and Aqualad returned to the ranks only to experience irreconcilable idealistic differences with his former comrades. Thereafter, he was not a regular member, making his longest continual appearance during the Titans' first reorganization. Even then, he found himself stricken by an undiagnosed malady, which he finally realized was psychological in nature, resulting from his feelings of uselessness to the team because of his limited powers and need to remain near water, whereupon he resigned his membership, just before the team itself disbanded for the second time.

Aqualad was eventually to discover that his true parents were King Thar and Queen Berra, rulers of a pacifist offshoot cult of Atlanteans, all of whom possessed purple eyes. These Idylists, as they called themselves, were forced to do away with their monarch after he went insane and tried to convert them into a tribe of warmongers, although his wife, then pregnant with the future Aqualad, was spared and sent into exile. Her fate after his birth is still unknown.

Unlike Robin and Speedy, Aqualad had no counterpart on the parallel planet of Earth-2, whose Aquaman has no junior partner.

Today, Aqualad is an occasional ally of the Titans, although not a regular member of the team.

4. **WONDER GIRL** (Donna Hinckley Stacey Troy Long); Charter Member

First appearance: *The Brave and the Bold* #60

Origin: *Teen Titans* #22; *New Teen Titans* #38 (details revealed)

Base of operations: New York City

Membership: continuous since *The Brave and the Bold* #60

Synopsis: The past life of Wonder Girl, like that of Aqualad, has long been shrouded in mystery. Indeed, she was with the Teen Titans for quite some time before they learned her true origin. Introducing herself to Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Speedy at their first meeting as Wonder Woman's younger sister, and wearing a costume patterned after that supposedly worn by the adult Amazon in her adolescence, she was accepted by her teammates as a member of the Amazon race of Paradise Island, whose queen was Hippolyta, Wonder Woman's mother. Robin, at least, may have known more about Wonder Girl than he let on at the time, since it has been implied that the two had met, however briefly, previous to the formation of the Titans.

With Speedy's assumption of full-time membership, however, he and Wonder Girl began dating regularly, and it became harder for her to keep secrets from her fellow members. After a series of recurring fainting spells and losses of strength, Wonder Girl revealed that she was actually an American-born child whom Wonder Woman had once rescued from a burning building. No identification was found on the bodies of the man and woman who perished in the apartment in which she was found, and the apartment itself was supposedly unrented. Without the slightest clue to her parentage or identity, Wonder Woman took the foundling home with her to Paradise Island, where she was raised as an Amazon and Princess Diana's adopted sister.

To make her the equal of her fellow inhabitants, all of whom possess super-human skills, the child, now named Donna, was given powers similar to those of Wonder Woman by a modification of the Amazons' life-saving Purple Healing Ray. While Wonder Girl is not as strong as Wonder Woman, she apparently possesses the power of unaided flight which her sister lacks. In addition to her powers of flight and super-human strength, speed, and endurance, Wonder Girl has the use of her special weapons. Her wrist bracelets, made of Amazonium, the hardest metal known to Amazon science, can deflect bullets, and also conceal a radio which she uses to contact her fellow Teen Titans, and her foster mother, Queen Hippolyta, on Paradise Island. In earlier adventures, her lasso had the same magic properties as Wonder Woman's to make anyone it encircled obey the user's commands, but the lasso she currently uses does not possess this power.

In her early teens, Wonder Girl returned to her native land to join the Teen Titans, but when the Amazons so-

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journed to another dimension to replenish their magical powers (leaving behind a temporarily powerless Diana Prince/Wonder Woman), Wonder Girl was left with no place to stay, and began secretly making her home in Titan Lair between meetings. Her dizzy spells were soon traced to a malfunction in the Purple Ray which had caused it to drain her powers when used. The male Titans quickly resolved her dilemma by setting her up in a civilian identity under the name Donna Troy, and finding her a roommate in a Greenwich Village apartment, one Sharon Tracy. To celebrate, Wonder Girl redesigned her hairdo and costume, which, with minor modifications, she wears currently. Since the young super-heroine has never worn either a mask as Wonder Girl or a disguise as Donna Troy, it is surprising how few people have managed to connect her two identities thus far.

Wonder Girl has remained a constant member through all three incarnations of the Teen Titans. In her earliest cases with the group, she affected a somewhat bubble-headed teenybopper personality, perhaps to cover her unfamiliarity with Man's World (as the Amazons call the outside world), or perhaps because she simply had no idea of how a normal American teenage girl was expected to act. After she began dating Speedy, and especially after the traumatic events that led to the Titans joining forces with Mr. Jupiter, she took on a more serious demeanor. Wonder Girl made no appearances during the two years of the Teen Titans' original inactive period, presumably content to remain with her foster mother on Paradise Island, although she maintained her friendship with Sharon Tracy and, apparently, their shared apartment, as well. When the Titans were reactivated, she appeared unchanged, and immediately attempted to resume her interrupted relationship with Speedy, but his character had changed somewhat in the interim (see Speedy's synopsis below), and although loyal to him to the extent of mildly rebuffing Kid Flash's advances, she seemed to sense that the romance, such as it had been, was over. With the second disbanding of the group, Donna and Sharon moved to San Francisco, where Donna enrolled in Dr. Tammines's School for Exceptional Girls, an experimental college which proved to be merely a front for the activities of Justice League nemesis Headmaster Mind, whose schemes Wonder Girl teamed with Wonder Woman to smash. She was then involved in solving the kidnapping of former Titans mentor Mr. Jupiter.

By the time the New Teen Titans team was formed, Donna was back in New York and pursuing a career in fashion photography, at which profession she had already made a reputation for herself, despite her youth. She was also sharing a romantic relationship with divorced college professor Terry Long, to whom she had revealed her dual identity, and whom she has since married. Wonder Girl's closest friendships have remained those with her Titans teammates, especially Robin, Lilith (who has a similar life-history), and on the current team, Starfire. Unlike the other original members, Wonder Girl's super-heroine career has remained tied with her membership in the Titans, and she has not appeared in any regular series in another comic title.

Prior to her marriage, Wonder Girl enlisted the aid of Robin to discover her true name and background. He succeeded, and thus she learned for the first time that she was actually Donna Hinckley, whose mother learned she was dying of cancer and gave Donna up to an orphanage. Donna was then adopted by a couple named Stacey, but when Carl Stacey was killed in an accident, his wife Fay was forced to give Donna up for adoption again. She then became the object of a child-buying ring, and it was members of this criminal operation, posing as her parents, who had died in the building fire from which Wonder Woman rescued the infant Donna. In the course of their investigation, Dick and Donna located Fay Stacey, now remarried as Fay Evans, whose new family has accepted Donna as a long-lost sibling.

Unlike Robin and Speedy, Wonder Girl has no counterpart on the parallel planet of Earth-2, whose Wonder Woman has no adopted sister. Her closest equivalent on that world is Fury, alias Hippolyta "Lyta" Trevor, the daughter of Wonder Woman and Steve Trevor, and a member of the young super-hero team, Infinity, Inc.

Wonder Girl did once have a look-alike on Earth-1, who was also called Wonder Girl, and who was actually Wonder Woman herself as a teenager. For a time, Amazon magic enabled this other Wonder Girl to co-exist with her adult self, Wonder Woman, and her child self, known as Wonder Tot. By the time Donna (Wonder Girl) Troy joined the Teen Titans, the other Wonder Girl and Wonder Tot no longer existed as separate entities, for reasons presumably having to do with the waning magical powers of the Amazons, which, as noted above, they eventually journeyed to another dimension to replenish.

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5. **SPEEDY** (Roy Harper); Charter Member

First appearance: *More Fun Comics* #73 (actually the Earth-2 Speedy, but the two are indistinguishable at this point)

Origin: *Adventure Comics* #262

Base of operations: Star City

Membership: *The Brave and the Bold* #60 to *Teen Titans* #11 (occasional appearances; only revealed to have been charter member in *Teen Titans* #53, so does not appear in *The Brave and the Bold* #60; *Teen Titans* #19 to 53 inclusive

Synopsis: Because Roy Harper's forest ranger father once risked his life to save Indian chief Brave Bow from a fire, the chief in turn promised to raise Harper's infant son after the ranger, a widower, perished in an avalanche. Chief Brave Bow trained the young Roy in all manner of athletic endeavor, but especially archery, the elderly Sioux having once been the best archer in his tribe. When he felt he was growing too old to care for the youngster properly, Brave Bow had Roy seek out Green Arrow, the costumed crimefighter who used archery as a motif, and petition to become his assistant in hopes that the Emerald Archer would consent to become Roy's new guardian. After the youth had proven himself, Green Arrow made him his legal ward in his civilian identity as Oliver Green and his partner under Roy's new costumed identity as Speedy. Like that of his mentor, Speedy's modus operandi involved the use of a quiverfull of specially gimmicked arrows which he had learned to fire with unerring accuracy, in addition to his natural athletic skill, second only to that of Robin among the Titans. As Roy Harper, he was also a high-school student during his Teen Titans career, but although he once visited Robin on the campus of Hudson University to get a taste of college life, he did not continue into post-secondary education.

It was not apparent until the revelation of the team's origin in the final issue of the *Teen Titans* series that Speedy had been one of the original members of the Titans. He joined forces with Robin, Aqualad, Kid Flash, and Wonder Girl on the case that prompted them to form a permanent group, but declined full-time status within the organization, preferring working in partnership with Green Arrow to functioning as one of a larger team. Thereafter he joined the Titans on two cases, their first after the team's formation, and one on which the members revealed their unmasked faces to each other, before becoming a regular member to replace Aqualad, who was taking a leave of absence. A major factor in Speedy's decision to spend more time with the Teen Titans was the presence of Wonder Girl, to whom he had been attracted from their first meeting and whom he now began dating regularly. Fancying himself a ladies' man, Speedy lived up to his nickname by making a semi-serious pass at almost any eligible young female he encountered, just as Wonder Girl would continue to pretend to swoon over any desirable male, but the two were nevertheless the only established couple in the old Titans roster, despite the later addition of other unattached female members.

After the first disbanding of the Teen Titans, Speedy found himself somewhat at loose ends. Green Arrow had been going through some great changes in his personal life, first lessening his activities as a crimefighter as his life as a financier took up more of his time (so that Speedy ended up active in more cases with his peers than with his mentor), and then losing his personal fortune in a fraudulent business deal and beginning his long-standing romance with Black Canary (which would have more than one parallel with Speedy's own relationship with Wonder Girl). Without Wonder Girl and the Titans to keep him occupied, and despondent over his guardian's seeming lack of interest, Roy turned to drugs. While a disbelieving Green Arrow was stunned into inaction, Roy overcame his addiction with the aid of Green Lantern and Black Canary, and thereupon severed relations with the Emerald Archer to go out on his own. He formed a rock band called "Great Frog" in his civilian identity and also began working with various anti-drug programs to help other addicts find a cure as he had. Despite his break-up with Green Arrow, Speedy unconsciously continued to be very much like his former mentor. When he returned to the Teen Titans with their reorganization, it was in a new costume which somewhat resembled Green Arrow's new garb, and his always rather colorful personality, also like Green Arrow's had become over the years, began to reassert itself, as he began to chide Robin and the other male members while continuing to make unsubtle passes at the girls. He and Wonder Girl were reunited, albeit briefly and uneventfully. With the Titans' second break-up, Speedy returned to his musical and drug-help-related pursuits, keeping in close touch with only one fellow Titan, Mal, who had become a member of his band and co-proprietor of "Gabriel's Horn," the restaurant/discotheque which served as a front for the second Titans headquarters. Jimmy Olsen and the Newsboy Legion would eventually discover that Speedy was the nephew of Jim Harper, the police officer who was

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once the super-hero called the Guardian. With the Guardian's demise, his uniform was inherited by Roy, as his last living relative, and was thereafter used by Mal as he took on the Guardian identity.

Speedy, like Robin, also has a counterpart on the parallel planet of Earth-2, who is also the partner of his world's Green Arrow but who does not share Speedy's origin. On Earth-2, Green Arrow and Speedy came into being at the same time, when both Oliver Queen and Roy Harper were forced to use their archery skills to battle a gang of crooks in the isolated setting of Lost Mesa. The Earth-2 Speedy has been taught archery by Quoag, an Indian servant of his father's. Both Quoag and the elder Harper perished in the origin tale, which saw Roy become the ward of Oliver Queen, as on Earth-1. Green Arrow and Speedy of Earth-2 were members of a team of non-super-powered crimefighters called the Law's Legionaires, or the Seven Soldiers of Victory, whose careers were called to an unexpected halt when their battle with a giant energy-creature, the Nebula-Man, hurled them into past time-eras for a number of years, until they were returned to the present by the Justice League and Justice Society. All seven heroes had lost some two decades of their lives while trapped in the past, so that the Earth-2 Ace Archers are closer in age to their Earth-1 doubles than are the counterparts of the other Justice League members.

Since the New Teen Titans team was formed, Speedy has fought alongside them on a few cases, but has not become a regular member of the new group.

Part 2 — The Later Members

6. **THE HAWK** (Hank Hall) and
7. **THE DOVE** (Donald "Don" Hall)

First appearane: *Showcase* #75
Origin: *Showcase* #75
Base of operations: Elmond, Oregon
Membership: *Teen Titans* #25 and 29 inclusive; *Teen Titans* #50 to 52 inclusive ("Titans West")

Synopsis: The Hawk and the Dove came into being when a mysterious Voice, its origin never revealed, conferred upon two brothers, Hank and Don Hall, heightened physical prowess and costumed double identities. By speaking the names of their alter egos, "Hawk" for Hank and "Dove" for Don, the two high-school students could magically transform themselves into the crimefighting duo, but only if they were "in the presence of injustice." Once this condition no longer prevailed, they would automatically revert to normal.

The central conflict of their own series, however, came not from the heroes' battles with the criminal element in their home town of Elmond, but from their differing and extremist ideologies, which had led to the Voice's bestowing upon them their particular heroic identities. Hank Hall, the elder brother by not more than a year, was a militant, believing in physical force as a solution to problems, especially those encountered as a super-hero. As the Hawk, he tended to charge into battle with fists flailing first, and to ask questions later, if at all. His only uncertainty in his heroic role came from the fact that while his strength and agility had been dramatically increased, he still had to contend with a fear of heights, a phobia unaffected in the transformation to his costumed persona. Don Hall, the younger brother, tended to socialize with the young collegiate crowd who could more easily appreciate his philosphy of pacifism. Seeing violence as an abhorrent last resort in resolving any dilemma, the Dove was the pensive member of the partnership, who tried to use brains rather than brawn to defeat their opponents. His major problem was that his very ideals gave him grave doubts about the entire idea of being a super-hero, and while his quiet reason was often a welcome alternative to the Hawk's quick-tempered reactionism, his indecisiveness in action made him somewhat less than effective as a crimebuster. The running verbal battles between the two heroes were further complicated when their father, Irwin Hall, a tough-minded but highly respected judge, who was unaware of his sons' secret identities, publicly and privately disapproved of the Hawk and the Dove as lawless vigilantes, taking the duties of the appointed police into their own hands without official sanction. Judge Hall's views provided a middle-of-the-road alternative to the extreme and totally opposed beliefs of the two heroes.

Between the penultimate and final issues of their title, the Hawk and the Dove made their first guest-appearance in another DC comic, as they joined forces with the Teen Titans to battle the criminal cadre headed by the "Fat Man," which in turn was secretly controlled by the alien would-be invaders from the so-called "Dimension X." On a vacation trip to New York, the duo again encountered the Titans in a story taking place after their own comic's cancellation, and became involved in the killing of philanthropist Dr. Arthur Swenson at a peace rally. Distraught over their role in the death of a "modern-day saint," the young heroes agreed to forego their costumed identities and special powers to join the special training program initiated by millionaire financier Mr. Jupiter. At this point, the Hawk and the Dove and the Teen Titans learned each other's civilian identities, and the Hall brothers became the Titans' newest members, together with the precognitive Lilith, and soon afterward, Mal Duncan. After several weeks under Mr. Jupiter's tutelage, however, Hank and Don were forced to abandon his program in order to return to Elmond or risk their parents learning of their other identities.

The Hawk and the Dove were not seen again until their paths crossed those of the Titans once more over two years later. Having been graduated from high school, Hank Hall was now a sailor in the U. S. Navy serving aboard the *U. S. S. Tippecanoe*, an aircraft carrier, and Don Hall was attending college in California. Together with Lilith, Gnarrk, Beast Boy, Golden Eagle, and the original Bat-Girl, they formed the impromptu alliance called "Titans West" to deal with the threat of Captain Calamity/Mr. Esper in Coast City, while the then-regular members of the Teen Titans did likewise in New York. Following this, the two joined forces with the Titans and other heroes for a single adventure chronicled in *Showcase* #100.

The Hawk and the Dove is indexed in this volume because of the characters' membership in the Teen Titans, but future interaction between Hank and Don Hall and the New Teen Titans seems unlikely. Their only appearance of the brothers in the new series to date has been as guests at the wedding of Terry Long and Donna Troy.

Chronologically, the latest appearance of the Hawk and the Dove came when they teamed up with the Batman in *The Brave and the Bold* #181. This story represented something of a temporal paradox as it took place in a "present" which was actually twelve years after the Hall brothers first gained their powers. Now 28 and 27 respectively, Hank is married (to a woman named Linda who may be his former classmate Linda Kieves), employed by an unnamed corporation, and living in the San Francisco suburb of Tiburon, while Don has become a civil servant

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working for the Federal Welfare Center in Berkeley, where he lives with a girlfriend named Michelle. Change is in the wind for both brothers, however, as their latest adventure ends. Both disillusioned with life in the 1980s and its failure to live up to the expectations of either of their personal philosophies, Hank and Don are forced to change with the times when the Voice returns to strip them of their powers until such time as they prove worthy of them. As the Voice explains to Hawk, although it has been "twelve years...you have not changed—nor has your brother! I had hoped, in time, you would realize the wisdom in both your philosophies—but you have not!... Perhaps your powers have prevented you from growing—perhaps only by losing them...might you recapture yourselves. When you are grown, when you are worthy... perhaps the powers shall be yours once more...I am confident that we shall meet again...one day."

This adventure would have to take place in the "future" vis-a-vis the timeline of the other Titans, inasmuch as the Hawk and the Dove are said to have been active for a dozen years and have aged correspondingly, while at present, the Teen Titans in all their incarnations have been organized for little more than half that length of time and have no members over the age of 20. Likewise, Batman would have to be older than he is usually depicted as being, in the context of his meeting with the Hawk and the Dove, or he, rather than Robin, would take on the role of Hawk and Dove's near-contemporary. This story is further complicated by the presence of Barry (Flash) Allen and Hal (Green Lantern) Jordan in its opening scene. Thus, what is perhaps the last *Hawk and Dove* adventure takes on the context of a "future tale" (or possibly one taking place in one of several alternate possible futures), and from the viewpoint of the New Teen Titans, it has not happened yet.

8. **LILITH** (Lilith Clay)

First appearance: *Teen Titans* #25

Origin: *Teen Titans* #36 (in part) and *New Teen Titans* (second series) #8

Bases of operations: New York City and Coast City

Membership: *Teen Titans* #25 to 43 inclusive; *Teen Titans* #50 to 52 inclusive ("Titans West"); *New Teen Titans* (second series) #2–10

Synopsis: An orphaned child of unknown parentage adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Will Clay of Kentucky, Lilith apparently inherited her mental powers from her mother, who, according to Miss Hardin, an orphanage official, was forced to abandon her infant daughter to the care of the county orphanage when faced with some "mysterious trouble" having to do with Lilith's father. As was later revealed, the woman who brought the baby Lilith to the orphanage was actually her nurse, who had stolen her from her mother's custody. Neither parent ever returned to claim the child, and Lilith remained unaware of her origins until her powers of telepathy and precognition began to develop just before her thirteenth birthday, and she learned of her adoptive status by reading her foster parents' minds. At age 16, Lilith left home to begin a long search for her true parents, which ultimately proved fruitless. Suspected by many of being a witch or a sorceress because of her unexplained abilities, the red-haired, green-eyed teenager eventually found her way to New York, where she became part of millionaire Loren Jupiter's unique training program for young people, to which she was instrumental in recruiting the Teen Titans. Lilith then joined the Titans, and despite their initial distrust of her, proved invaluable on their subsequent adventures with Mr. Jupiter's organization. After the Titans retrieved Gnarrk, a young caveman, from the prehistoric past, and educated him as a modern-day man, he and Lilith developed a romance.

Lilith and Gnarrk left the Titans when Mr. Jupiter's program was disbanded, became engaged, and moved to California, where they would become involved with the team again briefly two years later as members of "Titans West." Like the other members of that short-lived team, Lilith next appeared as a guest at Donna Troy's wedding. This recent contact led to her coming to the Titans' aid in their second battle against Trigon, the demonic father of Raven, and her subsequent replacement of Raven, who vanished in the aftermath of that struggle. The unexplained disappearance and death of Gnarrk left Lilith free to become romantically involved with Azrael, a winged alien of unknown origin whom the Titans encountered at this time, only to part company with him when her true origin as the daughter of Thia, renegade member of the legendary Titans (the predecessors of the Olympian gods) was revealed at last. At this time she also learned that Thia had murdered Lilith's father, as she did all of her many mortal lovers, soon after their daughter was conceived. Lilith has now left Earth behind to dwell among the deities worshipped by the ancient Greeks and the Amazons of Paradise Island. Granted immortality, she is now considered a goddess.

9. **MAL** (Malcolm Duncan; also known as **THE GUARDIAN (II)** and **HORNBLOWER**)

First appearance: *Teen Titans* #26

Origin: *Teen Titans* #26 (as Mal); *Teen Titans* #44 (as Guardian II); *Teen Titans* #45 (as Hornblower)

Base of operations: New York City

Membership: *Teen Titans* #26 to 53 inclusive

Synopsis: A seemingly ordinary young resident of "Hell's Corner," a tough inner-city neighborhood, Mal Duncan possessed no special powers beyond his quick wits and the pugilistic skills he had developed as an amateur boxer when the Teen Titans first encountered him while on a mission under the direction of Mr. Jupiter. Despite his initial feelings of unworthiness, the black youth was recruited by the team and joined Mr. Jupiter's special program, figuring prominently in subsequent Titans cases.

During the first period of Titans inactivity, Mal was selected to keep watch over the group's headquarters and equipment until such time as they should resume operations. It was during this two-year period that he met and became engaged to Karen Beecher. When the reassembled Titans were captured by Dr. Light, Mal used a strength-increasing exoskeleton and the costume once worn by Speedy's late uncle to take on the identity of the 1940s super-hero, the Guardian, and to rescue his teammates. Soon afterward, he was given a magical horn by a being calling himself the angel Gabriel, which bestowed unspecified mystic powers upon him when blown. He briefly assumed a second costumed identity as the Hornblower using this weapon, but dropped this role when the magic horn mysteriously vanished, and when it became known that Mal and Hornblower were one and the same. Resuming his Guardian identity, he remained active with the Teen Titans until they disbanded for the second time.

Sometime after this, he and Karen helped Jimmy Olsen and the Newsboy Legion determine the fate of Jim Harper, the original Guardian, and learned how the former hero's uniform came into the possession of his nephew, Speedy. Mal, as the Guardian, has teamed with Karen, in her identity as the Bumblebee, but both have now retired

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from crimefighting. Mal and Karen, now happily married, most recently appeared as guests at Donna Troy's wedding

10. **GNARRK** (John Gnarrk)
First appearance: *Teen Titans* #32
Origin: *Teen Titans* #32-33
Bases of operations: New York City and Coast City
Membership: *Teen Titans* #33 through 39 (occasional appearances only); *Teen Titans* #50 to 52 inclusive ("Titans West")

Synopsis: Accidentally transported back to prehistoric times by an invention of Mr. Jupiter's, Kid Flash and Mal unintentionally caused Gnarkk, a young cave-dweller, to be returned to the present with them. The Teen Titans then undertook the task of training Gnarkk to act as a modern-day man, which they accomplished. Gnarrk fell in love with Lilith, and after Mr. Jupiter's training program was disbanded, they became engaged and moved to California, where they would become involved with the Titans again briefly two years later as members of "Titans West." The only former Teen Titan who did not attend the wedding of Donna Troy and Terry Long, Gnarrk apparently died under unrevealed circumstances sometime after his last appearance.

11. **THE HARLEQUIN** (real name unknown; uses the alias "Duela Dent"; formerly **THE JOKER'S DAUGHTER**)
First appearance; *Batman Family* #6 (as The Joker's Daughter)
Origin: *Batman Family* #9
Base of operations: New Carthage
Membership: *Teen Titans* #46 to 53 inclusive

Synopsis. Claiming to be the daughter of the arch-criminal Two-Face, the girl calling herself Duela Dent, who was one of Dick Grayson's classmates at Hudson University, assumed the identity of the Joker's Daughter, as well as those of the daughters of the Catwoman, the Scarecrow, the Riddler, and the Penguin, to lead Robin a merry chase while pretending to be a criminal herself. While Robin eventually deduced her true identity, she discovered his as well, whereupon she revealed her desire to become a super-heroine to make amends for her supposed father's misdeeds, and asked Robin to sponsor her membership in the Teen Titans. This he did, and under the new name of the Harlequin, she remained with the team until they disbanded for the second time. Her true past remains a mystery, however, since her claim to be the daughter of Two-Face is chronologically impossible. Harvey (Two-Face) Dent was not yet married or a father when he first fought Batman and a pre-teenaged Robin, yet Duela is close to Robin's age. Also, it should be noted that while Duela, in her Harlequin identity, used facial makeup to look like a female version of the Joker, her real face does not resemble that of the Clown Prince of Crime, despite frequent artistic errors to the contrary.

As the Harlequin, Duela used a variety of gimmick-weapons based on novelty items, but possessed no actual super-powers. Before and after her Titans career, she was active in the area of the Hudson University campus. Since the formation of the New Teen Titans and Robin's transfer from Hudson to Gotham University, her whereabouts remained unknown until she attended the wedding of Donna Troy as Duela Dent.

There is no connection between Duela and her namesake, the Harlequin of the parallel planet of Earth-2, a costumed villainess who was actually a secret heroine and who battled the Earth-2 Green Lantern during the 1940s.

12. **THE CHANGELING** (Garfield "Gar" Logan; formerly **BEAST BOY**)
First appearance: *Doom Patrol* #99 (as Beast Boy), *DC Comics Presents* #26 (as Changeling)
Origin: *Doom Patrol* #100
Bases of operations: Midway City, Los Angeles, and New York City
Membership: *Teen Titans* #50 to 52 inclusive ("Titans West"); *New Teen Titans* #1 to present

Synopsis. After his father, a genius medical researcher working in the African jungle, used an experimental process to save his life from a rare disease, Gar Logan gained green hair and skin and the ability to transform himself into any known animal. In his very early teens, he offered his services to both the Doom Patrol and the Teen Titans, but neither team could accept him as a member without the permission of his legal guardian due to his being underage, and Nicholas Galtry, his court-appointed guardian since the deaths of his parents in a flood, was unaware of Gar's secret identity as Beast Boy. When the Doom Patrol's distaff member, Elasti-Girl, married Steve (Mento) Dayton, the couple adopted young Gar and he became a regular Doom Patrol member, while continuing to attend high school as Gar Logan.

After the death of the Doom Patrol, including his foster mother, Beast Boy revealed his double identity and worked as a television actor for a time while Steve Dayton was away searching for his wife's murderers. It was during this time that he again encountered the Teen Titans as a member of "Titans West," the group's short-lived California auxiliary. As Gar grew older, his power underwent a change, so that rather than taking the form of an otherwise-normal animal with a green humanoid face, he would appear as an ordinary, but totally green, animal. Following a re-encounter with Nicholas Galtry, who had taken the identity of the Arsenal, a super-criminal and former Doom Patrol antagonist, during which Gar saved

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the life of his high-school girlfriend, Jill Jackson, he also changed his name from Beast Boy to the Changeling. The Changeling's costume is a stylized version of the red and-white uniform worn by the late Doom Patrol members. With the formation of the New Teen Titans, the Changeling has joined the team as a full member. He spends his time when not in action with the team at the huge mansion of his foster father, Steve Dayton, the world's fifth richest man

There is no connection between Gar Logan and the Beast Boy who was, until his death, a member of the Super-Heroes of Lallor in the 30th century, nor between him and the Changeling who was a one-time alien foe of Green Lantern.

13. **THE BUMBLEBEE** (Karen Beecher)
First appearance: *Teen Titans* #45 (as Karen Beecher); *Teen Titans* #48 (as Bumblebee)
Origin: *Teen Titans* #49
Base of operations: New York City
Membership: *Teen Titans* #49 to 53 inclusive
Synopsis: During the first reorganization of the Teen Titans, Mal Duncan's girlfriend, Karen Beecher, acquired a special costume giving her the power of winged flight and other bee-derived gimmick weapons, from an as-yet unrevealed source, and became the Bumblebee. She first battled the Titans in an attempt to prove Mal's worth to the other team members, whom she believed underrated him, but then joined them as a member until the group was disbanded for the second time Karen and Mal, now married, have retired from active crimefighting, and last appeared among Donna Troy's wedding guests.

14 **BAT-GIRL** (Betty Kane)
First appearance: *Batman* #139
Origin: *Batman* #139
Base of operations Gotham City
Membership: *Teen Titans* #50 to 52 inclusive ("Titans West")
Synopsis In her very early teens, while visiting her aunt Kathy in Gotham City, Betty Kane learned the heiress's secret identity as Batwoman, who was Batman's female counterpart at that point in his career. Betty promptly designed herself a costume of red and green (the primary colors of Robin's uniform), and became Batwoman's sometime "junior partner," Bat Girl As Bat-Girl, Betty used the acrobatics taught her by her aunt and criminology techniques learned on her own and from Batman and Robin, as well as an array of bat-weapons in imitation of Batman's. While Batman and Robin were aware of the true identities of Batwoman and Bat-Girl and their distaff aides were not entrusted with the secret civilian roles of the male heroes, this did not stop Bat-Girl from carrying on a childish "romance" of sorts with the then-shy and inexperienced Robin. Both Batwoman and Bat-Girl retired from professional crimefighting a short time before the formation of the Teen Titans.

Betty Kane went on to become a famous professional tennis player and did not encounter Robin again for several years. After Kathy Kane briefly resumed her guise as Batwoman, Betty toyed with the idea of going into action once more as Bat Girl. This she did for the first time when she and several other young heroes formed the Teen Titans' short-lived California auxiliary, "Titans West," to help the regular Titans on a case just before the second disbanding of the team. With the death of Batwoman, Bat Girl apparently abandoned the idea of resuming her crimefighting career. She attended the wedding of Donna Troy as Betty Kane

While Batman, Robin, and Batwoman all have counterparts on the parallel planet of Earth-2, there has as yet been no documentation of a counterpart of Bat-Girl there. There is, however, a second costumed heroine on Earth I bearing the name rendered Batgirl, who is secretly Barbara Gordon, daughter of Gotham City's police commissioner. Barbara, a redhead wearing a dark uniform closer in design to the Caped Crusader's than to Robin's, bears no resemblance to the younger, blonde Betty, other than their similar names and modus operandi, although she also has been briefly romantically linked with Robin (as well as with Batman), though nothing came of either relationship. The present Batgirl was no longer a teenager when she began her super-heroine career, and has no connection with the Teen Titans. The nearest either heroine has to an equivalent on Earth-2 is the Huntress, alias Helena Wayne, daughter of the Earth-2 Batman and Cat woman, and a member of both the Justice Society of America and Infinity, Inc

15 **THE GOLDEN EAGLE** (Charley Parker)
First appearance: *Justice League* #116
Origin: *Justice League* #116
Bases of operations: Midway City and Coast City
Membership: *Teen Titans* #50 to 52 inclusive ("Titans West")
Synopsis: An orphaned teenager who idolized Hawkman, Charley Parker accidentally gained the attributes and powers of his hero through the agency of the Mentachem Rod weapon of Hawkman's arch-enemy, the Matter Master In return for his help on a Justice League case, the real Hawkman made Charley a gift of a duplicate of his wings and anti-gravity belt. Perennially unemployed, Charley occasionally assumes his guise as the Golden Eagle to fight crime He encountered the Teen Titans as a mem-

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ber of "Titans West," the group's short-lived California auxiliary, which aided the regular team on a case just before the Titans disbanded for the second time. As Charley Parker, he was most recently seen among Donna Troy's wedding guests.

Although the Golden Eagle has no precise counterpart on the parallel planet of Earth-2, the Hawkman and Hawkgirl of that world do have a son, Hector Hall, alias the Silver Scarab, and a protege, Norda Cantrell, alias Northwind, both of whom are members of Infinity, Inc.

16. **RAVEN** (her real name)

First appearance: *DC Comics Presents* #26

Origin: *New Teen Titans* #4–6 and *Tales of the New Teen Titans* #2

Base of operations: New York City

Membership: continuous since *New Teen Titans* #1

Synopsis: Raven, a mysterious dark-haired girl whose cloaked costume resembles a bird, is the child of a union between Trigon, a merciless demonic being, and Arella, a misguided Earthwoman. Raven was born among the disciples of the Temple Azarath, a pacifist cult whose members had long ago forsaken life on Earth to dwell on another dimensional plane, and who took Arella in after the pregnant woman was abandoned by Trigon. Raven was tutored as a child by Azar, the female leader of the pacifists, who developed in her the powers of teleportation, astral projection (her dark astral form is known as her "soul-self"), and empathic healing. Opposed to violence in any form, Raven was nonetheless forced into action when she learned that her inhuman father intended to return to Earth to claim her as his ally and to lay waste the planet. Unable to convince the heroes of the Justice League of the truth of her story, she used her mystic abilities to coerce Robin, Kid Flash, Wonder Girl, Cyborg, and the Changeling, together with the alien Starfire, to form the New Teen Titans to aid her in combatting Trigon. Raven's demonic heritage at first caused her new comrades to suspect the worst of her, but she eventually won them over in time to defeat Trigon's schemes.

Although she was attracted romantically to both Kid Flash and Jericho, Raven constantly fought to suppress any strong emotion, for fear her evil self would come to the fore and she would be seduced into joining her demonic parent. When Trigon attacked the Earth a second time, he succeeded in transforming Raven into his accomplice. Trigon was ultimately destroyed, and a transfigured, angelic Raven vanished in the aftermath of his final battle with the Titans. Her current whereabouts remain unknown.

There is no connection between Raven and either of the villains of the same name who appeared in *Detective Comics* #287 and *Hawkman* #17.

17. **STARFIRE** (IV) (Kory Anders; born Princess Koriand'r of Tamaran)

First appearance: *DC Comics Presents* #26

Origin: *New Teen Titans* #3 and *Tales of the New Teen Titans* #4

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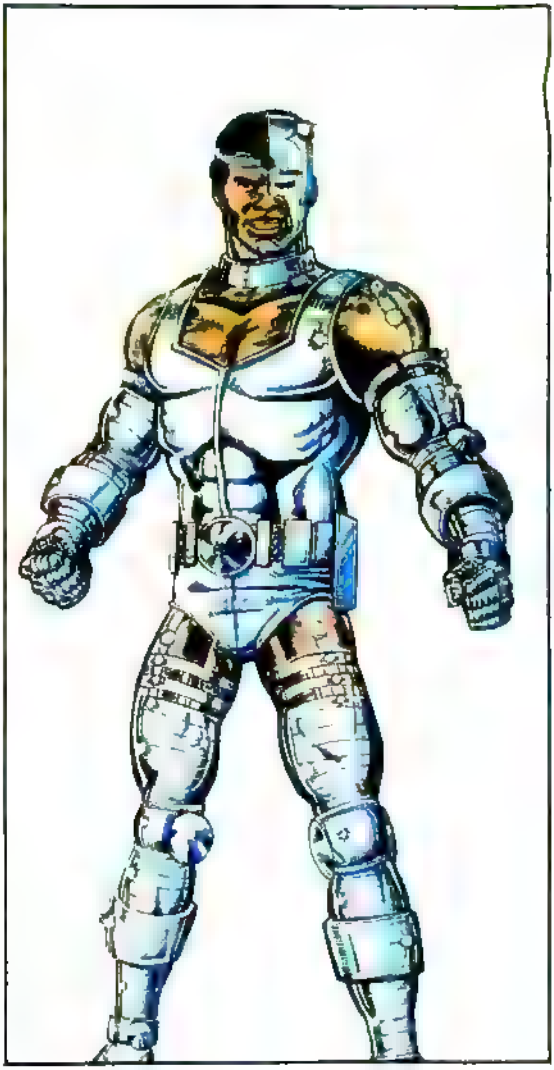
Base of operations. New York City
Membership: continuous since *New Teen Titans* #1
Synopsis: Princess Koriand'r is the second female child of the royal family of the planet Tamaran in the Vegan system. These golden-skinned, auburn-haired humanoids, apparently genetically descended from felines, whose civilization was based on the purity of emotional release above all things, had long battled to stave off invasion by the Citadel, a neighboring world. After Koriand'r and her cruel elder sister, Komand'r, had been trained in combat by the Vegan's hereditary martial masters, the Warlords of Okaara, Komand'r turned traitor and betrayed her homeworld to the enemy. As a condition of an eventual truce, Koriand'r was turned over to the Gordanian slavers, allies of the Citadel. After six years of slavery, Koriand'r was captured, together with Komand'r, by the Psions, yet another alien race who were enemies of Tamaran and the Citadel alike. In an attempt to learn the secret of the Tamaranians' ability to fly, the Psions experimented on the sisters, with the result that both gained the power to fire solar energy bolts from their hands. Eventually, Koriand'r escaped to Earth, where she was befriended by the New Teen Titans and became a member of their team.

The Titans, together with the Omega Men, rebel heroes of the Vegan worlds, later reunited Koriand'r with her family on Tamaran, after she had been recaptured by Komand'r and the Citadel, but due to the terms of the earlier truce, she could not remain on Tamaran and returned to dwell on Earth with her new friends and teammates. In her civilian identity as Kory Anders, Starfire works as a fashion model, having been introduced to that profession by fashion photographer Donna (Wonder Girl) Troy. She and Donna shared an apartment until the latter's marriage, after which Lilith briefly became Kory's roommate. After a brief and tragic romance with one Franklin Crandall, who was secretly an agent of the criminal H.I.V.E., Starfire has become deeply involved with Titans team leader Nightwing.

There is no connection between Starfire and any of the other characters of that name, including Leonid Kovar, the Soviet super-hero now called the Red Star, the villainess who fought Supergirl, or the sword-wielding heroine who once appeared in her own comic.



18 **CYBORG** (Victor Stone)
First appearance: *DC Comics Presents* #26
Origin: *New Teen Titans* #7 and *Tales of the New Teen Titans* #1
Base of operations: New York City
Membership: continuous since *New Teen Titans* #1
Synopsis: Victor Stone, a young black former athlete, is the only child of research scientists Silas and Elinore Stone, and the subject of their early intelligence-boosting experiments, which gave him a genius-level IQ. Their unintentional isolation of him from his peers made the young Victor a loner by nature, and eventually caused something of a rift between the adolescent boy and his parents, as well. Then an experiment of the elder Stones' accidentally released a protoplasmic creature from another dimension, resulting in the death of Victor's mother and the near-fatal injury of Victor himself. Silas Stone was forced to rebuild his son as a cyborg, a being half-man and half-mechanical parts, in order to save his life, and then to coach him through an intensive training program which taught him how to control his new body. Victor was extremely embittered towards his father when he learned that his cyborg state had cost him his athletic career, his girlfriend, and seemingly any chance for a normal life.

Recruited by Raven, together with Robin, Kid Flash, Wonder Girl, Changeling, and Starfire, as one of the New Teen Titans, Cyborg forged new friendships with his teammates and gained a new purpose in life. Seeing the beneficial change his Titans membership had wrought on Victor, Silas Stone secretly financed, designed, and built the team's Titans' Tower headquarters as a gift to them. When he learned that his father was slowly dying as a result of the encounter with the extra-dimensional creature, Victor was reconciled with Silas before the latter's passing.

In addition to the super-strength, speed, endurance, and near-invulnerability given him by his semi-mechanical body, Cyborg has the power to project blasts of multi-decibel "white sound" and to attach other prosthetic implements to himself for use as weapons or tools. His closest friend among the Titans is the Changeling, despite the initial uneasiness between the two because Cyborg so re-

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minded Changeling of his lone surviving Doom Patrol teammate, Robotman, which in turn served to remind him of the Doom Patrol's tragic demise. Although he was unable to reconcile with his former girlfriend, Marcy Reynolds, before her death, Cyborg now enjoys the friendship of Sarah Simms, the teacher of a group of handicapped children whom Cyborg has also befriended.

19. **TERRA** (Tara Markov)

First appearance: *New Teen Titans* #28

Origin: Never depicted, revealed in *Batman and the Outsiders* #1

Base of operations: New York City

Membership: *New Teen Titans* #30 to *New Teen Titans Annual* #3 inclusive

Synopsis: The illegitimate daughter of the ruler of the small European country of Markovia, Tara Markov was given special powers by the science of Dr. Helen Jace. She initially encountered the Changeling when she appeared in New York, supposedly the unwitting dupe of terrorists who forced her to use her powers on their behalf. Befriended and seemingly reformed by Changeling, Terra was eventually admitted to the New Teen Titans as a full member, replacing the retiring Kid Flash. Terra's powers entailed the elemental control of the earth itself, enabling her to cause landslides and earthquakes, to animate rock and soil at her mental command, and to fly using levitated earth-matter as a support

Unsuspected by her new teammates, however, Tara Markov was a sociopath, her personality perhaps warped by her childhood experiences as an outcast from the Markovian royal family, and insanely hating everyone for no logical reason. Her friendship for the Titans and her romance with Gar Logan were only cover-ups for her true mission as an agent of the Titans' foe, the Terminator, who used her to infiltrate their ranks, learn their identities, and betray them into the hands of his employers, the H.I.V.E. In a climactic battle, the Titans escaped the H.I.V.E. and captured the Terminator, but Terra lost control of both her powers and her facade of sanity, and killed herself. She is survived by her half-brothers, Gregor Markov, the current ruler of Markovia, and Brion Markov, alias Geo-Force, a member of Batman's crimefighting team, the Outsiders Only the current members of the New Teen Titans, the Outsiders, and those closest to them know that Terra died a traitor. The Titans have allowed the general public to believe that she died a heroine.

20. **JERICHO** (Joseph William Wilson)

First appearance: *New Teen Titans Annual* #2 (as Joseph Wilson), *New Teen Titans* #43 (as Jericho)

Origin: *New Teen Titans* #44

Base of operations New York City

Membership *Tales of the New Teen Titans* #58 to present

Synopsis: The second son of Slade Wilson, alias the New Teen Titans' recurring antagonist, the Terminator, and his estranged wife, the former Adeline Kane, Joseph Wilson was kidnapped as a child by enemies hoping to force the Terminator to reveal secret information. His father rescued him, but in the process a throat wound cost the boy the use of his voice. This loss did not dim Joseph's cheerful and loving personality, nor did it keep him from exercising his considerable gifts as an artist and musician, though he could no longer sing and must communicate in Ameslan, the sign language used by the deaf

Born a mutant, due to the genetic side effects of the experiment that gave the Terminator his powers, Joe Wilson, as Jericho, has the power to "possess" and take over the body of another person temporarily, as long as he can first make eye contact with that person. When this happens, Jericho's body vanishes, and his consciousness inhabits the form of his victim. He can then cause an unconscious victim to do his bidding and can speak using the possessed person's voice, but with the victim's speech patterns and inflections. When his victim regains consciousness, however, Jericho loses control of his vocal faculties, perhaps because he has no voice of his own with which to override that of his victim. When possessing a superpowered person, such as one of his teammates, Jericho gains the use of the possessee's powers, but not access to his knowledge and experience in their ruse. Jericho first aided the New Teen Titans in escaping the traps set for them by his father, the Terminator, on behalf of the H.I.V.E., after the young heroes had been betrayed by Terra. Proving himself on subsequent cases, he later became a full member

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THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD
KID FLASH
AQUALAD AND ROBIN
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YOU'RE FINISHED, ROBIN! FOR KID FLASH AND AQUALAD COULDN'T STOP MY FIERCE STORMS WITH THEIR SUPER POWERS, WHAT CHANCE DO YOU HAVE?

Cover Credits

Artist: **Bruno Premiani**
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

STORY

"The Thousand-and-One Dooms of Mr. Twister" (25 Pages)
Chapter 2: "Town Without Teen agers"
Chapter 3: "The Town That Would Not Die"

Credits

Editors, plotters: **Murray Boltinoff** and **George Kashdan**
Plotter, scripter: **Bob Haney**
Penciler **Bruno Premiani**
Inkers: **Bruno Premiani** and **Sheldon Moldoff** (all Robin heads in story only)
Letterer: **Stan Starkman**

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash
Aqualad (incorrectly depicted with straight brown hair, which he had only in much earlier adventures, in this story)

Villain

Mr. Twister (Brom Stikk; first and only appearance to date)

Guest Appearances

Batman (last seen in the second story in *Green Lantern* #29; makes the changes to his costume, the Batcave, the Batmobile, and his other equipment, which are first seen in *Batman* #164, during the time Robin is away in this story, appears next in *Batman* #164)
Flash (last seen in the second story in *Green Lantern* #29; appears next in *The Flash* #145)
Aquaman (last seen in the second story in *Green Lantern* #29; appears next in *Justice League of America* #28)

Other Characters

Mayor Corliss, Officer Ridley, and the adult population of Hatton Corners (first and only appearance to date for all)
Eddie Corliss (Mayor Corliss's son), **Marcia** (Eddie Corliss's girlfriend), and **the teenagers of Hatton Corners** (first and only appearance to date for all)
Jacob Stikk (Brom Stikk's ancestor) and **the founders of Hatton Corners** (first and only appearance to date for all; appear in flashback only)

Comments

The future Teen Titans make their first appearance as a team in this story, but the team is not officially organized or named until its next chronological appearance, as revealed in *Teen Titans* #53
The cover and splash page logo read "Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Robin," not "Teen Titans."

Synopsis

The teenagers of the town Hatton Corners enlist the aid of the junior partners of some of the Justice League members, Robin, Kid Flash, and Aqualad, as arbitrators in their disputes with the town's adult population. When the three young heroes arrive and meet, however, they discover that the entire youth population has been kidnapped by a fanatic calling himself Mr. Twister. The last descendant of one of the founders of Hatton Corners, Mr. Twister possesses bizarre powers over weather effects by dint of a magical Indian medicine staff and uses them to blackmail the town officials. While he manages to put Kid Flash and Aqualad out of action, the villain is fouled by the efforts of Robin, and his victims are freed and reconciled with their parents

The Brave and the Bold #60
June–July 1965

Cover Credits

Artists: **Nick Cardy**; **Sheldon Moldoff** (penciler) and **Charles Paris** (inker; Robin vignette only), **Ross Andru** (penciler) and **Mike Esposito** (inker; Wonder Girl vignette only), and **Carmine Infantino** (penciler) and **Joe Giella** (inker, Kid Flash vignette only)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

STORY

"The Astounding Separated Man" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **George Kashdan**
Plotter, scripter: **Bob Haney**
Penciler, inker **Bruno Premiani**
Letterer: **Stan Starkman**

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Feature Characters

Robin

Kid Flash (costume colored incorrectly, with yellow leggings, throughout this story; the earpieces on his mask are also mistakenly colored yellow in several later stories)

Aqualad (correctly depicted with curly black hair beginning with this story)

Wonder Girl (Donna Hinckley Stacey Troy; first appearance; chronologically earlier appearances in flashbacks in the second story in *Teen Titans* #22 and *New Teen Titans* #38, and in *Teen Titans* #53 and #4; Wonder Woman's adopted sister and Queen Hippolyta's adopted daughter; first name Donna and origin revealed, and surname Troy adopted, in *Teen Titans* #22, given name Donna Hinckley, adoptive name Donna Stacey, and further background revealed in *New Teen Titans* #38; not to be confused with Wonder Woman as a teenager)

Villain

The Separated Man (Jake Trask; first and only appearance to date)

Guest Appearances

Batman (last seen in *World's Finest Comics* #149; appears next in the first story in *Batman* #172)

Flash (last seen in *Justice League of America* #35, appears next in *The Flash* #153)

Aquaman and **Wonder Woman** (both in between *Justice League of America* #35 and 36)

Queen Hippolyta (in between *Wonder Woman* #154 and 155)

Other Characters

Professor Brian Holmes (formerly the Separated Man, and creator of the serum that causes the transformation), **Tommy Holmes** (Professor Holmes's son), **Judy** (Tommy Holmes's girlfriend), **Martha** (Tommy Holmes's aunt and guardian), and **other citizens of Midville** (first and only appearance to date for all)

Comment

The Teen Titans have been formally organized and named since the events of *The Brave and the Bold* #54, with Wonder Girl and Speedy included as charter members, as revealed in *Teen Titans* #53, and have been involved in one other case together, as recounted in *Teen Titans* #4, prior to the events of this story.

Synopsis

Now organized as the Teen Titans, Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl respond to a call for help from the teenagers of Midville. The youngsters' "Teen Government for a Day" project is violently disrupted by the reappearance of the Separated Man, a gigantic being able to separate his body parts, the creation of Professor Brian Holmes, father of the young "mayor for a day." The revived menace is actually Jake Trask, the professor's former prison cellmate, who has stolen the scientist's molecular formula and used it on himself, but the citizens of Midville believe the creature to be a transformed Professor Holmes, as was the case when the Separated Man previously appeared. With the aid of the professor and the Midville teenagers, the Teen Titans are able to subdue the Separated Man long enough to administer an antidote which restores him to normal

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Showcase #59

November–December 1965

Cover Credits

Artist: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Ira Schnapp

STORY

"The Return of the Teen Titans" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: George Kashdan
Plotter, scripter: Bob Haney
Penciler, inker: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Stan Starkman

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, and Aqualad

Wonder Girl (her bracelets are mistakenly omitted in this and several later stories; appears next in *The Brave and the Bold* #63)

Villains

Three unnamed professional criminals (first and only appearance to date; impersonate the Flips in this story)

Guest Appearances

Batman (last seen in *Detective Comics* #345, appears next in *Batman* #177)

Flash (last seen in *Justice League of America* #40; appears next in *The Flash* #157)

Aquaman (in between *Justice League of America* #40

Teen Titans #1
January–February 1966

Cover Credits

Artist: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Ira Schnapp

STORY

"The Beast-God of Xochatan" (24 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: George Kashdan
Plotter, scripter: Bob Haney
Penciler, inker: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Stan Starkman

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl (last seen in *The Brave and the Bold* #63)

Villains

Don Matanzas (a wealthy Xochatan landowner) and **El Conquistadore** (his robot; first and only appearance to date for both)

The Beast-God (first and only appearance to date; a being manifesting itself as a half-man/half jaguar, a half man/half eagle- and a half-man/half serpent)

Guest Appearances

Batman (last seen in *Detective Comics* #346; appears and 41)

Mera (in between *Aquaman* #24 and 25)

Wonder Woman (last seen in *Justice League of America* #40; appears next in *The Brave and the Bold* #63)

Queen Hippolyta (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #158; appears next in *The Brave and the Bold* #63)

Other Characters

The Flips (Jack, Jill, and Joe, last names never revealed; first and only appearance to date; a rock group using special technological props)

Mayor Turner, the police commissioner, the police chief, the adult population of Clarkston, and the teenagers of Clarkston (Judy named in this story; first and only appearance to date for all)

Comment

The "Flips" on the cover are actually the three impersonators.

Synopsis

A rock 'n' roll trio known as the Flips, who use a specially gimmicked motorcycle, surfboard, and baton as props in their act, are accused of a crime spree on the eve of a benefit concert in the town of Clarkston. The Clarkston teenage population calls on the Teen Titans to prove the performers' innocence, but the Titans end up battling the Flips and bringing them in instead. Finally, by posing as the rock stars themselves, the Titans are able to capture the three professional crooks who had been masquerading as the Flips in order to frame them.

THEY JUST COULDN'T WAIT TO START THEIR OWN MAG!
TEEN TITANS
12¢
NO, YOU'RE NOT SEEING THINGS! THAT'S ROBIN, WONDER GIRL, KID FLASH and AQUALAD ALL FIGHTING THE SAME VILLAIN... The BEAST-GOD of XOCHATAN!

next in *The Brave and the Bold* #64)

Flash (last seen in *Justice League of America* #41, appears next in *The Flash* #158)

Wonder Woman (last seen in *Justice League of America* #41, appears next in *Wonder Woman* #160)

Queen Hippolyta (last seen in *The Brave and the Bold* #63, appears next in *Wonder Woman* #168)

Aquaman and Mera (both in between *Aquaman* #25 and 26)

Aquababy (in between *Aquaman* #25 and 28

Other Characters

Juan Valdez and other citizens of Xochatan, South America, and Peace Corps workers in Washington, D. C. and Xochatan (first and only appearance to date for all)

Comments

A male scribe is incorrectly shown on Paradise Island in this story.

This issue is not numbered on the cover.

Synopsis

The Teen Titans join the Peace Corps in order to help volunteer workers in the South American country of Xochatan who are being menaced by a giant robot which the natives believe to be an ancient deity come to life. No sooner do they smash the robot threat than actual incarnations of the beast-god of a pyramid, which is due to be destroyed by a dam construction, begin to appear. The Titans battle the animal-deities to a standstill, until the temple is submerged on schedule and the creatures vanish, and Don Matanzas, a former oppressor of the natives of Xochatan, is revealed as the instigator of the threats.

Teen Titans #2
March–April 1966

Cover Credits

Artist: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Ira Schnapp

STORY

"The Million-Year-Old Teen-ager" (24 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: George Kashdan
Plotter, scripter: Bob Haney
Penciler, inker: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Stan Starkman

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl

Villain

Akkuru (first appearance; a giant mutant caveman, dies in this story)

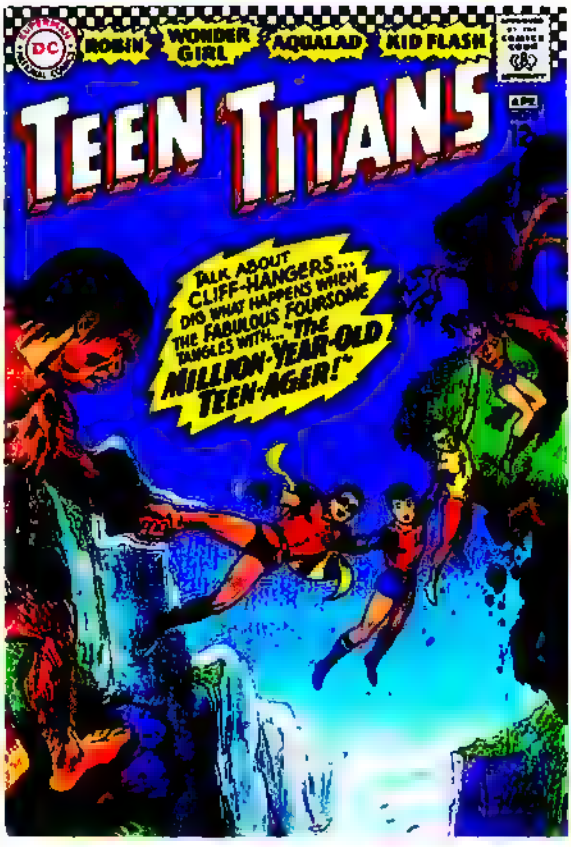
Other Characters

Garn (first and only appearance to date; a resurrected caveboy) and his unnamed foster father (first appearance; dies in this story)

Penny Randall (Garn's girlfriend) and other students of Smedleyville High School, and the citizens of Smedleyville (first and only appearance to date for all)

Comment

Titan Lair, the Teen Titans' secret headquarters, is first



shown in this story, it makes a chronologically earlier appearance in issue #4, and is first named in issue #5

Synopsis

Garn, a caveboy, and Akkuru, his giant enemy, are frozen in suspended animation by a prehistoric glacier, and revive in modern times. When Akkuru menaces the town of Smedleyville where Garn has become a student at the local high school, the townspeople believe Garn responsible for the giant's rampages. Garn's girlfriend, Penny Randall, calls in the Teen Titans, who team up with Garn to defeat Akkuru, and Garn is vindicated.

Teen Titans #3
May–June 1966

Cover Credits

Artist: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Ira Schnapp

STORY

"The Revolt at Harrison High" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: George Kashdan
Plotter, scripter: Bob Haney
Penciler, inker: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Stan Starkman

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl

Villains

"Ding-Dong Daddy" Dowd (character patterned on Ed "Big Daddy" Roth, famous model-car customizer) and his gang (first and only appearance to date)

The Scorchers (first and only appearance to date, a motorcycle gang; no connection with the villain in issue #10 or the villain in *New Teen Titans Annual* #2)

Guest Appearance

Batman (last seen in *Justice League of America* #44; appears next in *Detective Comics* #351)

Other Characters

Danny Robinson and other drop-out students from Harrison High School (first and only appearance to date)

Members of the President's Commission on Education, and the principal of Harrison High School (first and only appearance to date for all)

Comment

The Teen Titans attend the wedding of Steve (Mento) Dayton and Rita (Elasti-Girl) Farr in *Doom Patrol* #104 following this story.

Synopsis

The President's Commission on Education asks the Teen Titans to help deal with the problem of high-school dropouts. In the town of Harrison, the young heroes discover drop-outs being hired by Ding-Dong Daddy Dowd, proprietor of a custom hot-rod and bike shop. Uncovering evidence that Dowd's operation is a front for criminals, the Titans go undercover as would-be drop-outs and expose his schemes, thus persuading his teenage employees to return to school.

Teen Titans #4
July–August 1966

Cover Credits

Artist: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"The Secret Olympic Heroes" (24 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: George Kashdan
Plotter, scripter: Bob Haney
Penciler, inker: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Stan Starkman

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl

Speedy (last chronological appearance in issue #53, appears next in issue #11)

Villains

Kravik (a foreign Olympic contestant) and other agents

of DIABLO (an international hate group; first and only appearance to date for all)

Other Characters

Davey Bradley (an American Olympic contestant) and Ted Bradley (his father; first and only appearance to date for both)

Comments

Speedy is revealed as a charter member of the Teen Titans in issue #53

This is an Untold Tale "from the secret files of the Teen Titans" and occurs between the origin of the Teen Titans, revealed in issue #53, and *The Brave and the Bold* #60

Synopsis

In this flashback tale, Speedy joins forces with the Teen Titans on a two-fold mission: to locate a missing Olympic contender, and to prevent the disruption of the Olympics by DIABLO, an international hate group. Once found, runaway Davey Bradley, afraid to compete in case he might lose and disappoint his father, a disabled former runner, joins the Titans at the games, albeit in disguise. When the Titans are captured by DIABLO agents and set up as targets for an unwitting blindfolded Speedy, young Bradley acts to turn the tables, enabling the junior superheroes to escape and capture their foes, which in turn gives him the courage to rejoin the competition.

Teen Titans #5
September–October 1966

Cover Credits

Artists: Nick Cardy; Sheldon Moldoff (penciler) and Charles Paris (inker; vignette only)
Letterer: Ira Schnapp

STORY

"The Perilous Capers of the Terrible Teen" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: George Kashdan
Plotter, scripter: Bob Haney
Penciler, inker: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Stan Starkman

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl

Villains

Krask and his gang (first and only appearance to date; Eddie Whit's criminal employers)

Other Characters

The Ant (Eddie Whit, first and only appearance to date)

Danny Whit (first and only appearance to date; Eddie's younger brother)

Dr. Paul Turner (head counselor of Lacklock Camp) and the student-inmates of Lacklock Camp (also called Camp Lacklock; a minimum-security reform school; first and only appearance to date for all)

Cameo Appearance

The Sharks (first and only appearance to date, a teenage outlaw gang; in a photograph)

Comments

Titan Lair is first named in this story

The Teen Titans receive a belated letter from Speedy thanking them for their help in the previous issue's Olympic adventure in this story; this does not imply that the story in issue #4 immediately preceded this story.

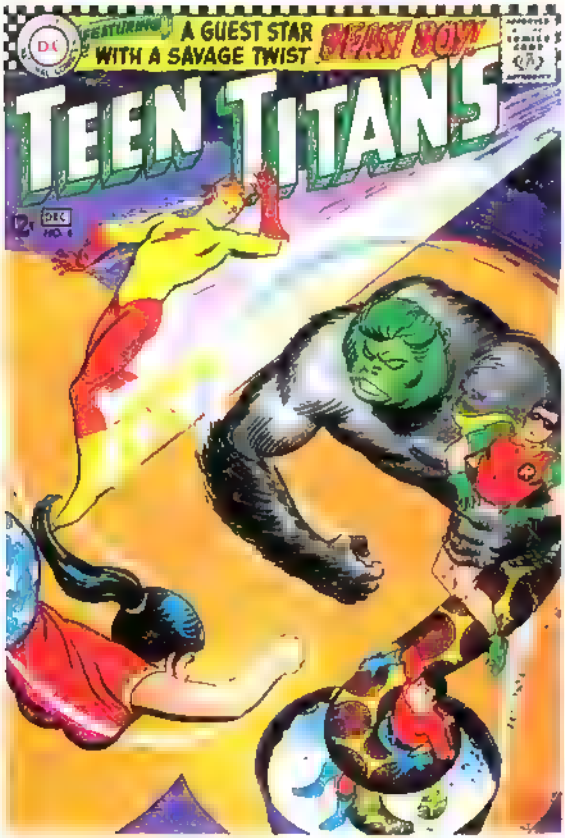
Synopsis

At the request of Dr. Paul Turner, head of Lacklock Camp and a friend of Robin's, the Teen Titans track down the Ant, a teenaged costumed criminal suspected of being a former inmate of Lacklock, Eddie Whit. Using his great strength and agility, inherited from his late circus-performer parents, Eddie, as the Ant, evades the Titans, but not before they discover his dual identity. When they learn that Whit is being blackmailed into a super-criminal career by his crooked employers, the Titans, together with Eddie's younger brother and the inmates of Lacklock, lure the real crooks into the open and dismantle their operation.

Teen Titans #6
November–December 1966

Cover Credits

Artist: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino



STORY

"The Fifth Titan" (24 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: George Kashdan
Plotter, scripter: Bob Haney
Penciler: Bill Molno
Inker: Sal Trapani
Letterer: Stan Starkman

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl

Guest Star

Beast Boy (in between *Doom Patrol* #107 and 108; petitions to join the Teen Titans, but is rejected)

Villains

Baltzer (a crooked animal trainer and showman), Vorna (a crooked hypnotist), and their circus (first and only appearance to date for all)

Guest Appearances

The Doom Patrol (Robotman, Negative Man, Elasti-Girl, and the Chief; in between *Doom Patrol* #107 and 108)

Comments

The Teen Titans learn Beast Boy's secret identity in this story.

Beast Boy, had he joined, would have been the sixth Titan, despite the story title, as Speedy's membership is overlooked.

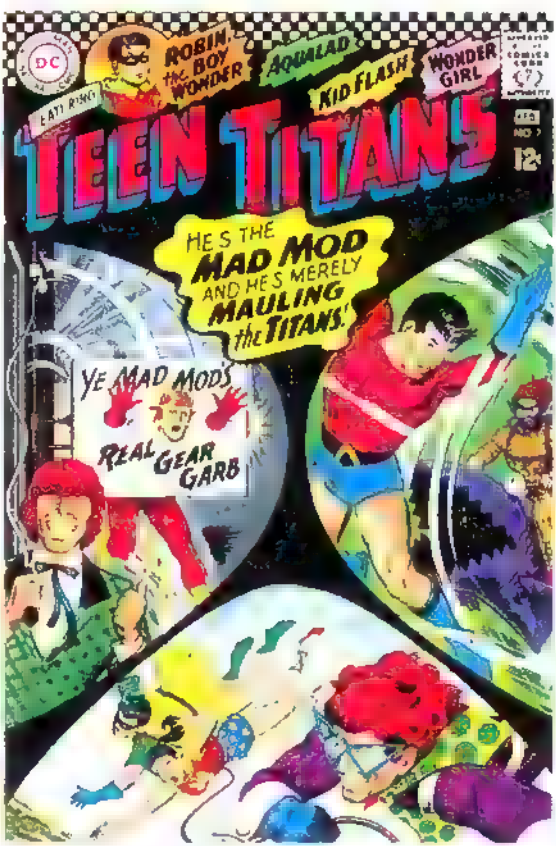
Synopsis

Frustrated in his efforts to be accepted by the Doom Patrol, Beast Boy tries out for the Teen Titans, only to find that he cannot join either team without his guardian's permission because he is underage (at this point, Gar Logan's guardian is Nicholas Galtry, who does not know his secret identity). Disgruntled, he joins a carnival run by Baltzer, unaware that the crooked animal-trainer and his hypnotist henchman are using him as part of a scheme to rob their audiences. Investigating, the Teen Titans disguise themselves as an acrobatic team, the Masked Mazeppas, and join Baltzer's troupe in order to uncover evidence against him. When their true identities are revealed, the Titans are forced to battle a hypnotized Beast Boy in his many animal forms, before they are able to break his trance and team up with him to stop Baltzer.

Teen Titans #7
January–February 1967

Cover Credits

Artists: Nick Cardy, Sheldon Moldoff (penciler) and Charles Paris (inker; vignette only)
Letterer: Ira Schnapp



STORY

"The Mad Mod, Merchant of Menace" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: George Kashdan
Plotter, scripter: Bob Haney
Penciler, inker: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Joe Letterese

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl

Villains

The Mad Mod (first appearance; a crooked couturier; appears next in issue #17)

Alfie and Brucie (first and only appearance to date; Mad Mod's henchmen)

Other Characters

Holley Hip (first and only appearance to date; a rock star)

A U. S. Treasury official (first and only appearance to date)

Synopsis

The U. S. Treasury Department sends the Teen Titans on a personal appearance tour of Europe with rock star Holley Hip in order to stop a suspected smuggling operation. The singer's clothing designer, known as the Mad Mod, turns out to be the smuggling mastermind, with Holley an unwitting dupe, and the Titans and Holley together evade his traps and capture him and his henchmen

Teen Titans #8
March–April 1967

Cover Credits

Artists: Nick Cardy; Sheldon Moldoff (penciler) and Charles Paris (inker; vignette only)
Letterer: Ira Schnapp

STORY

"A Killer Called Honey Bun" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: George Kashdan
Plotter, scripter: Bob Haney
Penciler: Ira Novick
Inker: Jack Abel
Letterer: Stan Starkman

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl

Villain

Dr. Michael Larner (first and only appearance to date; researcher for the Lansford Research Corporation; exposed as Karl Larner, a foreign spy, in this story, and as an agent of "the Fat Man's" organization in issue #20)

Other Characters

Dr. Paxton (first and only appearance to date; chief guidance counselor of Lansford High School)

The Vigilantes (first and only appearance to date; a Lansford townspeoples' "super-patriot" group; no connection with Greg Sanders, his Earth-2 counterpart, or Adrian Chase, each of whom has been known as the Vigilante)

Ahmed Al Din (an African exchange student), **Sama Rau** (an East Indian exchange student), and **Hans Vernick** (a European exchange student; first and only appearance to date for all)

"Honey Bun" (first and only appearance to date; an experimental automated jungle-fighter robot)

Synopsis

The Teen Titans investigate when trouble develops between a townspeoples' vigilante group and foreign exchange students in the town of Lansford. The conflict is escalated when it appears that one of the students, Hans Vernick, has stolen "Honey Bun," an experimental jungle-fighter machine being developed by the nearby Lansford Research Corporation. The Titans must battle both the vigilantes and the robotic "Honey Bun" before they can prove that young Vernick only stole the machine to keep it out of the hands of Karl Larner, a spy from his homeland who had infiltrated the corporation.

Teen Titans #9
May–June 1967

Cover Credits

Artists: Nick Cardy; Sheldon Moldoff (penciler) and

Charles Paris (inker; vignette only)
Letterer: Ira Schnapp

STORY

"The Big Beach Rumble" (24 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: George Kashdan
Plotter, scripter: Bob Haney
Penciler: Irv Novick
Inker: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Stan Starkman

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl

Villains

Captain Tiger (a pirate submarine commander) and his men (first and only appearance to date for all)

Other Characters

Eddie (first and only appearance to date; the Teen Titans' postman)

The mayor, police chief, and other citizens of Baxter Beach (first and only appearance to date)

The students of Dobbs University (Boom Boom named in this story), and the students of Brandon College (first and only appearance to date for all)

Synopsis

The Teen Titans are asked to help quell possible violence in the town of Baxter Beach, scene of the annual spring jamborees of two rival colleges. Robin challenges the destructive energies of both groups into building a stone jetty to prevent the beach from being slowly eroded away by the ocean, thus avoiding a riot between the two colleges and between the students and the local authorities. But when the submarine of Captain Tiger, a modern-day pirate, runs aground on the jetty, both the townsfolk and the Titans are helpless before the pirates' superior weaponry, until the college students come to the rescue.

Teen Titans #10
July–August 1967

Cover Credits

Artists: Nick Cardy; Sheldon Moldoff (penciler) and Charles Paris (inker; vignette only)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"Scramble at Wildcat" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: George Kashdan
Plotter, scripter: Bob Haney
Penciler: Irv Novick
Inker: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Stan Starkman

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl

Villains

The Scorcher (first and only appearance to date; no connection with the Scorchers in issue #3 or with the villain of the same name in *New Teen Titans Annual* #2; revealed as an agent of "the Fat Man's" organization in issue #20)

The Bike Buzzards (Scorcher's motorcycle gang; first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

Flip Farnum and the Wheeler-Dealers (his club; first and only appearance to date)

Al Farnum (first and only appearance to date; Flip's grandfather)

Henry and Martha (first and only appearance to date; a motorist couple)

Synopsis

Robin and the Titans attend a bike rally in the oil ghost-town of Wildcat, only to be ambushed, one-by-one, by the Scorcher and his outlaw cycle gang, the Bike Buzzards, during the race. The Buzzards loot the surrounding area and take over Wildcat as their base, but when a long-dry oil well suddenly becomes a gusher, it creates a diversion allowing the recovered Teen Titans to counterattack and defeat Scorcher

Teen Titans #11
September–October 1967

Cover Credits

Artist: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Ira Schnapp

STORY

"Monster Bait!" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter George Kashdan
Plotter, scripter: Bob Haney
Penciler: Irv Novick
Inker: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Stan Starkman

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl
Speedy (last seen in issue #4; appears next in issue #19)

Villains

An unnamed criminal gang (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

Willie Gregson (first and only appearance to date; a genius student)

Dr. Simon Finley (first and only appearance to date; a famous scientist)

Comments

Robin, Kid Flash, and Speedy unmask before their teammates in this story; this does not necessarily imply that the Teen Titans have learned each other's secret identities as yet.

This story takes place following the story in issue #14, as Robin's unmasked face is first revealed to his teammates in that story.

Synopsis

Speedy returns to help the Teen Titans when they go to the aid of boy genius Willie Gregson, whose summer job is that of assistant to famed scientist Dr. Simon Finley. A criminal gang tries to blackmail Willie, whose father, now a respected businessman, is an ex-convict, forcing Willie to steal Dr. Finley's secret nerve gas formulae for them. The Titans tangle with scuba divers and a fake sea monster before bringing the blackmailers to justice.

Teen Titans #12
November–December 1967

Cover Credits

Artist: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Ira Schnapp

STORY

"Large Trouble in Space-Ville" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: George Kashdan
Plotter, scripter: Bob Haney
Penciler: Irv Novick

Inker: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Morris Waldinger

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl

Villains

The Deliverer (first and only appearance to date; an international criminal)

An unnamed alien (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

D. J. Deejay (first and only appearance to date; a famous disc jockey)

Synopsis

D. J. Deejay becomes the world's first disc jockey to broadcast live from Earth orbit, but the Titans detect a code in his snappy patter indicating that he has run into trouble in space. After foiling the efforts of the Deliverer, an international criminal, to levitate Earth's national monuments into orbit, they follow the disc jockey into space and defeat an alien being who had been holding him captive while directing the actions of the Deliverer on the planet below.

Teen Titans #13
January–February 1968

Cover Credits

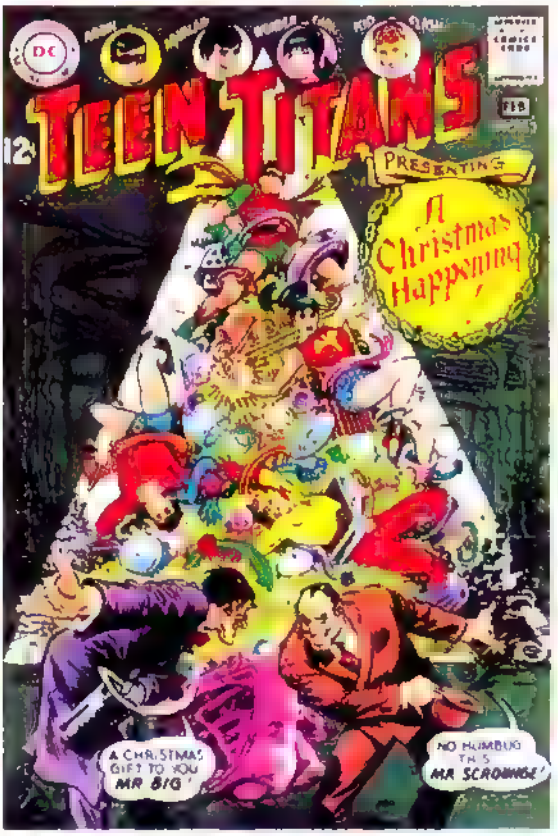
Artist: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Ira Schnapp

STORY

"The TT's Swingin' Christmas Carol" (24 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: George Kashdan
Plotter, scripter: Bob Haney
Penciler, inker: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Joe Letterese



Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl

Villains

Mr. Big and his gang (first and only appearance to date criminals and smugglers)

Other Characters

Ebenezer Scrounge (a junkyard owner), **Bob Ratchet** (Scrounge's clerk), **Tiny Tom Ratchet** (Bob's crippled son), and **Jacob Farley** (Scrounge's ex-partner and an escaped convict; first and only appearance to date for all; all counterparts of characters in Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*)

Cameo Appearances

Superman, Perry White, Lois Lane, Aquaman, Mera

Wonder Woman, Queen Hippolyta, and Batman (as characters in comic books)

Alice (first and only appearance to date; Scrounge's ex fiancee; in a photograph)

Synopsis

The Teen Titans find themselves reliving the events of Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* when Tiny Tom Ratchet involves them in the secret dealings of junkyard owner Ebenezer Scrounge and Mr. Big, a smuggler with a strange device that recycles junk into "new" goods. With the Titans playing the roles of the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future, Scrounge repents and helps them bring in Mr. Big and his gang.

Teen Titans #14
March–April 1968

Cover Credits

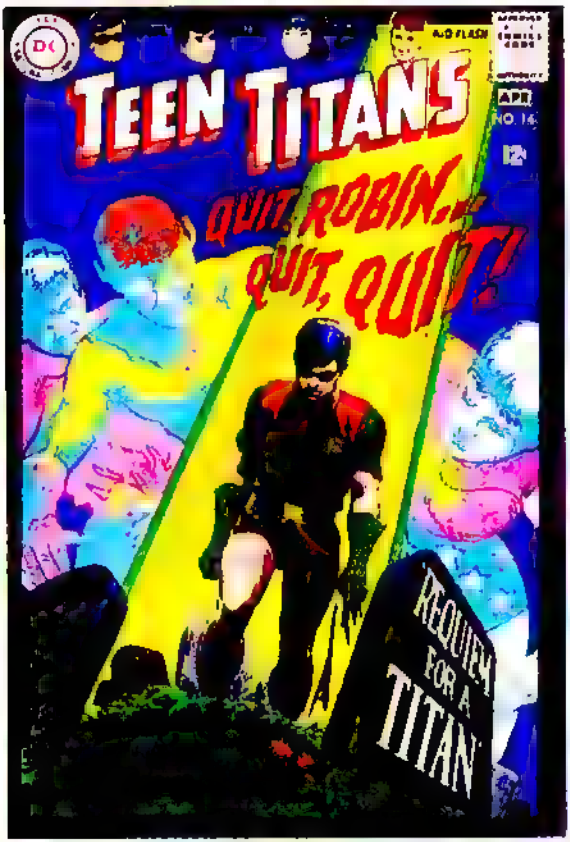
Artist: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"Requiem for a Titan" (24 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: George Kashdan
Plotter, scripter: Bob Haney
Penciler: Nick Cardy?
Inker: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Morris Waldinger



Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl

Villain

The Gargoyle (first appearance; real name never revealed, appears next in issue #35)

Comments

Robin's unmasked face is revealed to his teammates for the first time in this story, this does not necessarily imply that the Teen Titans learn Robin's secret identity as yet.

The story in issue #11, in which Robin, Kid Flash, and Speedy unmask before their teammates, must therefore take place following this story.

Synopsis

The Gargoyle, a former Teen Titans foe who claims he was unjustly imprisoned by the team, sows the seeds of doubt in the minds of all but Robin, enabling him to banish them to the dimension of Limbo by means of his mystic ring. In Limbo, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl become phantom giants under the Gargoyle's control and help him to battle Robin. Finally, Robin surrenders and allows himself to be transported to Limbo, so that he can fight the Gargoyle and his thralls on their home ground. Smashing the Gargoyle's ring traps the villain in the extradimensional realm, and restores Robin and his teammates to Earth and normalcy.

Teen Titans #15
May–June 1968

Cover Credits

Artist: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"Captain Rumble Blasts the Scene" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editors, plotters: Dick Giordano and George Kashdan
Plotter, scripter: Bob Haney
Penciler: Lee Elias
Inker: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Morris Waldinger

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl

Villains

Captain Rumble and his followers (first and only appearance to date; a motorcycle gang)

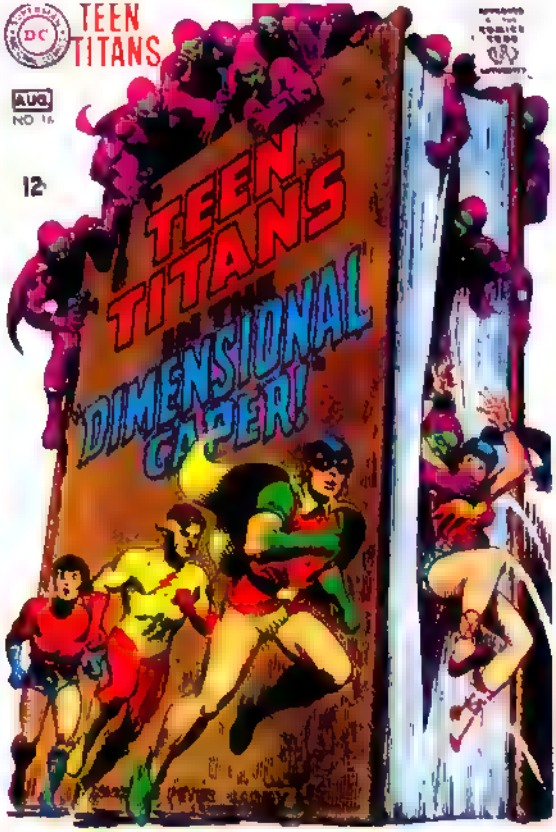
Big Arnie (a mobster), Tram the Trucker (Big Arnie's accomplice), and Ironhead and Buster (Trucker's henchmen; first and only appearance to date for all)

Other Characters

The Poet (first and only appearance to date; a hippie singer; acts as "fifth business" and narrates this story)

Eddie the Guru (first and only appearance to date; a hippie "mystic")

Ken Matthews (a runaway teenager), Karin (Ken's girl-



friend), and his parents (first and only appearance to date for all)

Comment

The story for this issue was approved by former editor George Kashdan and edited by new editor Dick Giordano

Synopsis

In search of Ken Matthews, a teenage runaway, the Teen Titans go undercover as hippies. With the help of a neighborhood guru, they stop a cycle gang from terrorizing the hippie community, and save Ken and his girlfriend from becoming involved with mobsters

Teen Titans #16
July–August 1968

Cover Credits

Artist: Nick Cardy (Signed)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"The Dimensional Caper" (24 Pages)

Credits

Editors, plotters: Dick Giordano and George Kashdan
Plotter, scripter: Bob Haney
Penciler, inker: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Joe Letterese

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl

Villains

Aliens of "Dimension X" (first appearance; appear next in issue #20)

Principal Downs (first and only appearance to date; principal of Hillsdale High School; revealed as Leader One of the Dimension X aliens in this story)

Other Characters

Chet Walters (first and only appearance to date; a Hillsdale High School student)

Mr. Walters (Chet's father), Mr. Farnum (Chet's physics teacher) and other faculty of Hillsdale High School (first and only appearance to date for all)

Sally (Chet's girlfriend), Eddie, Marcia, and other students of Hillsdale High School (first and only appearance to date for all)

Comments

The story for this issue was approved by former editor George Kashdan and edited by Dick Giordano.

The cover logo changes as of this issue.

Synopsis

Teenager Chet Walters becomes the town laughingstock when he tells his story of being kidnapped into another dimension. When the Teen Titans investigate, however, they discover that Hillsdale High actually is the secret base

for an alien takeover, and that the school principal is one of the extradimensional alien leaders. Entering "Dimension X," they rescue Chet and his fellow students from being trapped in the alternate reality and being replaced by duplicates. Kid Flash then uses his vibrational powers to sever the link between the Hillsdale High of Earth and that of Dimension X

Teen Titans #17
September–October 1968

Cover Credits

Artist: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"Holy Thimbles, It's the Mad Mod" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editors, plotters: Dick Giordano and George Kashdan
Plotter, scripter: Bob Haney
Penciler, inker: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Joe Letterese

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl

Villains

The Mad Mod (last seen in issue #7; final appearance to date) and his gang (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip

Comments

The story is titled "The Return of the Mad Mod" on the cover only.

The story for this issue was approved by former editor George Kashdan and edited by Dick Giordano.

The cover logo changes again as of this issue.

Synopsis

The Teen Titans travel to London for a Command Performance at which they will meet Queen Elizabeth II. On a sightseeing tour, Robin becomes accidentally locked in the Tower of London, leaving Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl to retrieve the Queen's royal sceptre, stolen by the Mad Mod, without the Boy Wonder's aid. Their costumes gimmicked by the Mod so as to halve their superpowers, the Titans are unable to stop the villain, until the ruse is discovered and they change uniforms. Then Aqualad rescues an escaping Mod from drowning, while Kid Flash and Wonder Girl defeat his henchmen, and the sceptre is returned to the Royal Family

Teen Titans #18
November–December 1968

Cover Credits

Artist: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"Eye of the Beholder" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: Dick Giordano
Plotters, scripters: Len Wein and Marv Wolfman
Penciler, inker: Bill Draut
Letterer: Jon D'Agostino

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl

Villain

Andre Le Blanc (first and only appearance to date; a costumed French master jewel thief; character named after comics artist)

Other Characters

Starfire I (Leonid Kovar; first appearance; origin revealed; a Russian super-hero, given name revealed in *New Teen Titans* #18; not to be confused with the villainess in the Supergirl series in *Adventure Comics*, the heroine in *Starfire*, or the New Teen Titans member introduced in *DC Comics Presents* #26, appears next in *New Teen Titans* #18)

An Interpol agent (first and only appearance to date)

Dr. Kovar (first and only appearance to date; Starfire's father; an archaeologist; surname inferred from his son's; appears in flashback only)

Comments

The cover logo changes again as of this issue

The "Sheldorf Diamond Center" in this story is named

The Official Teen Titans Index

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AND YOU'LL HAVE A RECIPE FOR UNFORGETTABLE ACTION AND ADVENTURE!

after Shel Dorf, letterer of the *Steve Canyon* newspaper strip and organizer of the San Diego Comic Convention

Synopsis

Interpol requests that the Teen Titans team up with a Russian super-hero, Starfire, to safeguard the Crown Jewels of Sweden from Andre Le Blanc, the self-styled "world's greatest jewel thief." Mutual antagonism spoils the joint efforts of the American and Soviet champions, until Starfire rescues the Titans from Le Blanc's death-traps. Kid Flash then returns the favor by saving Starfire from death on the subway tracks, while Robin defeats Le Blanc in hand-to-hand combat. The Titans and Starfire part amicably

Teen Titans #19
January–February 1969

Cover Credits

Artist: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"Stepping Stones for a Giant Killer" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: Dick Giordano
Plotter, scripter: Mike Friedrich
Penciler: Gil Kane
Inker: Wally Wood
Letterer: Milton Snapinn

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, and Wonder Girl (all appear next in *The Brave and the Bold* #83)

Aqualad (takes a leave of absence as of this story; apparently departs and participates in the events of *Aquaman* #40–42 between pages 22 and 23 of this story, then returns to a later Titans meeting to announce his leave of absence on page 23, which occurs between pages 2 and 3 of *Aquaman* #43; appears next in *Aquaman* #43)

Speedy (last seen in issue #11; becomes a full time member as of this story; appears next in *The Brave and the Bold* #83)

Villains

Punch (Slyvester Sepastopol; origin revealed) and his **henchmen** (first and only appearance to date for all)

Other Characters

Headmaster Mind (as an off-panel voice only; in between *Justice League of America* #28 and 69)

The students of Bridgebury High School and the denizens of an amateur discotheque (first and only appearance to date for all)

Comments

The Titans are first implied to have learned each other's secret identities as of this issue: Speedy and Wonder Girl begin dating following this story, the Titans appear to-

gether in their civilian guises in the second story in issue #22; and they regularly call each other by their real names beginning in issue #24.

The revelation of their identities, never actually shown in a story to date, was probably arranged by mutual agreement following the Justice League members' similar revelation, which was first revealed in *Justice League of America* #122, and which took place at about this time, between the events of *Justice League of America* #74 and 75.

Following this story, the Teen Titans team up with Batman in *The Brave and the Bold* #83, in which they first appear together in their secret identities, call each other by their real names, and are revealed to have knowledge of Batman's identity.

The cover logo changes again as of this issue.

Synopsis

His plan to defeat the Justice League mocked by Headmaster Mind, an old JLA foe, Punch, a teenage would-be super-villain, vows to prove himself by destroying the Teen Titans first. Speedy rejoins the Titans, and he and Wonder Girl are captured by Punch when they investigate racial riots at a New England high school. At the same time, Robin, Kid Flash, and Aqualad are defeated by high-frequency sound and light devices while on a mission to a midwestern community. Reunited as Punch's prisoners, the Titans use teamwork to escape his traps and overcome the youthful villain and his followers. Afterward; Aqualad returns to Atlantis for an extended leave, ostensibly in order to look after the infant Aquababy while Aquaman is involved in a quest for his missing wife, Mera (as shown in *Aquaman*), and Speedy becomes Aqualad's replacement among the Titans.

Teen Titans #20
March–April 1969

Cover Credits

Artist: **Nick Cardy**
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Titans Fit the Battle of Jericho" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Dick Giordano**
Plotter, scripter: **Neal Adams**
Penciler: **Neal Adams** and **Sal Amendola** (pages 11 and 12 only)
Inker: **Nick Cardy**
Letterers: **Ben Oda** and **Morris Waldinger** (pages 11 and 12 only)

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Wonder Girl, and **Speedy** (all last seen in *The Brave and the Bold* #83)

Villains

Fat Cat (first and only appearance to date; leader of a group of ex-convicts and secretly an agent of an unnamed criminal organization)

Regional Leader NG3 (first appearance; Fat Cat's superior)

"The Fat Man" (real name never revealed; first appearance; NG3's superior)

Grafley (first and only appearance to date; "Fat Man's" aide)

Aliens of Dimension X (last seen in issue #16; behind "the Fat Man's" organization)

The Meroul Being (first and only appearance to date; a monster from Dimension X)

Other Characters

Joshua (David; last name never revealed; first and only appearance to date; a costumed crimefighter; not to be confused with the villain in *Green Lantern* (second series) #78)

Chuck (David's brother) and **his friends** (teenage protesters; first and only appearance to date for all)

Comments

The story continues in the next issue.

The Scorcher (from issue #10), Dr. Larner (from issue #8), and unnamed other former Teen Titans opponents are revealed as agents of "the Fat Man's" organization in this story.

This story is based on a Teen Titans story by Len Wein and Marv Wolfman, which would have introduced the character of Jericho (their name for Joshua; not to be confused with the New Teen Titans member introduced in *Tales of the Teen Titans* #44) as a black super-hero, but was never published.

Synopsis

A mysterious costumed crimefighter called Joshua in-

vades Titan Lair and enlists the Teen Titans' aid in stopping a confrontation between police and teenage protesters. All involved are unaware that the protesters are being backed by organized crime figures, who in turn are pawns of the alien invaders from Dimension X. The Titans, together with Joshua and his brother, the leader of the protesters, halt the aliens' scheme to release the Meroul Being, a monstrous giant creature, on Earth, but both the aliens and their criminal underlings continue to plot the team's downfall.

Teen Titans #21
May–June 1969

Cover Credits

Artist: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"Citadel of Fear" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: Dick Giordano
Plotter, scripter: Neal Adams
Penciler: Neal Adams
Inker: Nick Cardy
Letterers: John Costanza and Joe Letterese (page 1 and part of page 2 only)

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Wonder Girl, and Speedy

Guest Stars

The Hawk and the Dove (both in between *The Hawk and the Dove* #5 and 6)

Villains

"The Fat Man," Regional Leader NG3, and others of their organization

Aliens of Dimension X (behind the scenes; as a voice only and a one-panel appearance of one alien; revealed last issue as secret controllers of "Fat Man's" organization)

Comment

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

On the trail of the criminals (from the previous issue), the Titans run afoul of the Hawk and the Dove, who are after the same gang for different reasons. After a brief altercation, Wonder Girl accompanies Hawk and Dove through a teleportation device to a gang hideout in Istanbul, while Robin, Kid Flash, and Speedy battle another segment of the organization in Berlin. Both teams are defeated and captured, but Hawk, Dove, and Wonder Girl escape in time to rescue Speedy from being crushed beneath a gigantic machine. Hawk and Dove, sensing their mystic transformation back into Hank and Don Hall about to occur, are forced to abandon the case, leaving Speedy and Wonder Girl to search for Robin and Kid Flash, who are still prisoners of the Dimension X aliens.

Teen Titans #22
July–August 1969

Cover Credits

Artist: Nick Cardy (Signed)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

FIRST STORY

"Halfway to Holocaust" (16 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: Dick Giordano
Plotter, scripter: Neal Adams
Penciler: Neal Adams
Inker: Nick Cardy
Letterer: John Costanza

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, Wonder Girl, and Speedy

Villains

"The Fat Man" and others of his organization (final appearance to date)

Aliens of Dimension X (Rangor named in this story; final appearance to date)

An energy-absorbing creature and other creatures of Dimension X (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

An extradimensional community-intelligence (not named; first and only appearance to date; inhabitant of a dimension adjoining both Earth-I and Dimension X)

Comment

The story continues in part in the second story in this issue.

Synopsis

While Speedy and Wonder Girl battle an extradimensional creature that suddenly appears in the criminals' control-room, Robin and Kid Flash, under the control of the aliens, are used to discover a third dimensional world, invisible to the Dimension-X-dwellers, which exists adjacent to both their world and Earth. Escaping, they rejoin their teammates in this adjoining dimension, only to be pursued by the aliens. The battle between Titans and aliens is cut short when a community-intelligence being, the sole sentient native of the newly discovered dimension, takes on the form of a giant archer in imitation of Speedy, and drives the minions of Dimension X back to their own world. Promising that never again will beings from Dimension X use his world as a gateway to Earth, the "archer" allows the Titans to depart in peace.

SECOND STORY

"The Origin of Wonder Girl" (8 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: Dick Giordano
Plotter, scripter: Marv Wolfman
Penciler: Gil Kane
Inker: Nick Cardy
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

Feature Characters

Robin, Kid Flash, and Speedy

Wonder Girl (origin revealed in part; full origin revealed in *New Teen Titans* #38; real name, Donna, revealed; adopts secret identity as Donna Troy, and gets new costume and hairstyle in this story)

Supporting Characters

Sharon Tracy (first appearance; becomes Donna Troy's roommate; appears next in issue #27)

Guest Appearances

Wonder Woman (chronologically in between various unrecorded early adventures, and in between various indeterminate issues of *Wonder Woman*; appears in flashbacks to Wonder Girl's origin, with Wonder Girl at approximate ages of 2 and 12; the latter sequences are revised in flashbacks in *New Teen Titans* #38 which show Wonder Girl receiving her powers as a baby, not as an adolescent)

Queen Hippolyta (in between *Wonder Woman* #184 and 192; also appears in chronologically indeterminate flashbacks to Wonder Girl's origin)

Paula von Gunther (appears in chronologically indeterminate flashback to Wonder Girl's origin with Wonder Girl at approximate age of 12, which is revised in flashback in *New Teen Titans* #38 which shows Wonder Girl receiving her powers as a baby, not as an adolescent)

Comments

The footnote concerning the previous appearances of the Amazons' Purple Ray in this story actually refers to the Earth-2 counterpart of this invention, which was used to revive the Justice Society members in *All-Star Comics* #38.

The events of the flashbacks in this story are ammended and corrected in flashbacks in *New Teen Titans* #38.

Synopsis

Upon the Titans' return to Earth, Wonder Girl unexpectedly collapses, the result of a recently recurring series of fainting spells. In explanation, she tells the other Titans her origin for the first time.

As a child, she had been saved from an apartment building fire by Wonder Woman, and taken by her to Paradise Island to live after all attempts to ascertain her identity or those of her parents (presumed to be a couple killed in the blaze) had failed. Becoming Queen Hippolyta's foster daughter and Wonder Woman's foster sister, she was unable to compete with the Amazons on a physical level, lacking their special powers, and so was given powers almost identical to those of Wonder Woman by scientist Paula von Gunther's Purple Ray.

Returning to the outside world to join the Teen Titans, she was forced to stay behind when the other Amazons sojourned to another dimension to recharge their magical powers (as shown in *Wonder Woman*), and had been secretly living in Titan Lair since that time. Now, she takes the name Donna Troy as a civilian identity and moves into an apartment in Greenwich Village with new girlfriend Sharon Tracy.

Later, she is contacted by Queen Hippolyta, who informs her that the Amazons' use of the Purple Ray had been accidentally responsible for her recurring weak spells, a problem which has now been corrected. Wonder Girl celebrates her new life by designing a new costume and changing her hairstyle.

An Explanation of the DC Comics Index

This is the first in what we hope will be an ongoing and complete series of comprehensive indexes to all of the DC Comics to appear since the company began publishing in 1935. In this series, we intend to examine every issue of every DC comic book and to provide you with a color reproduction of the comic's cover, a complete listing of the creative people involved in producing the comic, a complete listing of all the characters who appear in each story, a summary of what happened in each adventure, and various other information.

Sales of this first four-issue mini-series, *The Official Teen Titans Index*, will determine the publication schedule of subsequent releases, but it is our goal that every DC comic title will get a series of *The DC Comics Index* devoted solely to it. Heroes who have headlined in more than one title—notably, Superman and Batman—will have a separate series of the *Index* devoted to each title. In the case of features which have migrated from one title to another—such as *Legion of Super-Heroes*, which appeared in *Adventure Comics*, *Action Comics*, and *Superboy* before being awarded a comic bearing the name of the feature—will bring together all appearances of the feature in one index series. Maxi-Series, Mini-Series, and features with short life spans will be indexed in related groups.

All comics indexed in a series will run in serial order, beginning with the first issue or the earliest issue that features the series being indexed. For instance, *The Official Superman Index* will begin with *Superman* #1, while *The Official Teen Titans Index* will begin with *The Brave and the Bold* #54, the first comic to feature the group of heroes who would become the Teen Titans. Non-DC Universe stories that appear in DC Comics are not fully indexed or synopsized. Each of the index series is as self-explanatory as possible. Some of the criteria we used to create an index entry are provided below.

Cover Credits

It usually takes many people to produce a comic book cover, from conception and design through coloring and production, and it is impossible to credit them all. The Artist, responsible for the basic execution of the cover, does the lion's share of the work. If more than one artist works on a cover, some usually pencil and the others usually ink. The artist sometimes works from someone else's layout or design, and sometimes someone else touches up or redraws parts of the picture. Design work, layouts, touch-ups, and other ancillary work are not usually credited in the Cover Credits.

The Letter hand-letters any captions or word balloons on the cover other than the logo. It is impossible to guess the letterer when the lettering is mechanically typeset or laid down from transfers, so such lettering is called "typographical."

Records of artists and letterers are sometimes unavailable, particularly for covers that appeared many years ago, so the identities of some cover artists and letterers are the best guesses that the indexers and DC's current editors and art staff can make. Credits other than Artist or Artists and Letterer appear where known.

Story Information

Story titles are given as they appear on the title pages, not as on the covers or in coming attractions. When a story lacks a title or title page (a rare occurrence), a note to this effect appears as a Comment.

Story credits are taken from the credits as published. As with cover credits, it is impossible to credit everybody who worked on a story, but whenever additional information is available, it appears in the *Index*. If the published credits in a story are incorrect, the *Index* corrects them wherever possible.

Characters

All major characters, and most minor ones, are classified into seven categories, although all seven may not be needed to fully index a story. Bystanders, random police officers, random gangsters, background characters, and so forth, are not usually listed unless they appear elsewhere in more prominent roles.

The seven character categories are: Feature Characters, characters to whom the title of the feature refers; Guest Stars, characters from other comics who have a major role in the story; Supporting Characters, characters who appear frequently in stories with the feature character(s); Villains, the antagonists of the feature character(s); Guest Appearances, characters from other comics who have a minor role in the story; Other Characters, characters who do not fall into any of the five previous categories; and Cameo Appearances, characters who do not actually appear in a story but whose images are seen, for example, in photographs, flashbacks, or reminiscences.

The Feature Character is listed only when not obvious from the title of the comic. For example, Superman is always the only feature character in his own comic, but the lineup of the Justice League of America changes occasionally, which requires a Feature Character listing for each indexed issue of *Justice League of America*. Guest Stars are usually major characters who have their own comics, but any character can be a Guest Star. The only qualifications are that the character not usually appear in the comic and that he or she take a major role in the story that is not antagonistic to the feature character(s). A Guest Appearance may be very brief; even a one-panel appearance or an off-panel appearance (for example, in a telephone conversation) counts, as long as the character is physically present.

"Behind the scenes" describes characters who don't appear in a story but whose influence is felt, as, for example, when a Villain works through agents.

There are two different kinds of flashbacks: (1) flashbacks to stories previously told (all of the characters appearing in the flashback are listed under Cameo Appearances unless they make physical appearances elsewhere in the story) and (2) flashbacks to events previously untold (appearances of all the characters in the flashback are treated as physical appearances; many origins are told in such flashbacks, for example). Parenthetical notes to characters' names in the listings explain these special appearances.

Chronology

A time line for all of DC's comics that allows proper chronological ordering of the appearances of every DC character is far from complete. Nevertheless, some appearances are known to precede or follow others. Whenever chronological information is known reliably but is not obvious from the continuity of the stories, it is noted in parentheses. "First appearance" accompanies a character's listing when the comic is the earliest one in which the character appears. A first appearance is not necessarily a character's chronologically earliest appearance, which might occur, for example, in an origin flashback first told many years later. As a general rule, in the case of feature characters who are members of a team but who also appear in their own features or comics, issue-by-issue chronological notations for these characters are made in the indexes to their own features, not in the index to the team feature. For instance, Superman's chronology is noted in *The Official Superman Index*, not in *The Official Justice League of America Index*.

A casual reading of a few Plot Synopsis will make it abundantly clear that a whole month does not usually pass for the characters in between monthly issues of a comic. Many issues begin hours or even minutes after the previous month's story. Consequently, a character who has had his own feature for ten years will not have aged ten years in the time it took for those comics to come out. As for trying to determine in what year a given adventure takes place, there's no conclusive answer. Specific dates that appear in stories, as well as mention of current events and popular culture, depictions of contemporary fashions, and usage of contemporary slang, are all what is known as Topical References. These are specific details added by a writer or artist to a story to make it seem current at the time the story is being published. They are not necessarily indicators of when—what year or even what decade—a story took place.

A Personal Note

As should be obvious to anyone owning both this work and *The Official Marvel Comics Index*, the format and design of this book (not to mention the wording of this introduction) owe a great debt to my good friend, George Olshevsky, author of the Marvel Index series, who allowed me to appropriate both his layout and his prose.

Anyone wishing to contact me with comments, criticisms, and/or additional data for inclusion in possible future updates may do so at the address below.

Regarding future volumes, be it known that at this writing the indexes to *Justice League of America*, *The Flash* (Silver Age to present), *Green Lantern* (Silver Age to present), *Doom Patrol*, and *Metal Men* are virtually completed, with *Legion of Super-Heroes* on the drawing board. My plan is to issue several series on the titles begun in the 1960s and later, before completing the more costly and time-consuming research necessary to cross-index the comics of the 1940s. Suggestions as to which series you would like to see indexed next will also be welcomed at the address below.

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